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BLACK CABINETS

WHY WE LOVE THE LOOK

Like a little black dress, dark cabinets can be dressed up or down, says interior designer Beverly Baribault. Hardware and lighting are the jewelry and accessories that set the tone. Homeowner Sheryl Lasky has been in the fashion business for 36 years, so the kitchen matches her chic wardrobe, notes Baribault.

ABOUT THIS KITCHEN

Baribault gutted the existing kitchen in this Sandy Springs ranch and added custom cabinetry loaded with specialized storage. Differing barstools around two peninsulas contribute to the curated look. Wooden stools, leathered granite countertops, and rough-hewn ceiling beams add texture.

BARIBAULT'S FAVORITE BLACKS

Farrow and Ball "Off Black" #57; Sherwin-Williams "Caviar" #6990; and Benjamin Moore "Midnight Oil"



Sheryl and Scott Lasky's kitchen makes the most of its 10-by-12-foot floorplan with a wall of cabinetry that holds a refrigerator, ovens, a pantry, and custom storage. Lower cabinets painted a lighter gray provide just enough visual contrast. Countertops are black pearl granite with a leathered finish. Pendant lights by Arteriors serve as mini sculptures for the room; similarly, the gooseneck faucet strikes an attractive silhouette against overscaled wall tiles.



MATTE OR SHEEN?

"The homeowners' lifestyles should dictate the finish," says Baribault. "Matte is difficult to care for, and high gloss is very easy to clean and maintain. In this kitchen we glazed black over a dark gray color then used matte sealer. That's a great way to get the look and protect the finish. I don't think straight black paint is as effective or as

special. The two-tone application makes the cabinets look warmer and adds sophistication."

BUDGETING

Custom cabinetry and high-end hardware provide a more polished look, Baribault says. But even adding high-gloss black paint to existing cabinetry creates a stylish backdrop.

RESOURCES

INTERIOR DESIGN Beverly Baribault Design Group (BBDG), bbaribault.com
CABINETS Imperial Woodworking and Design, think-imperial.com
CABINETS HANDLES Custom through BBDG
COUNTERTOPS Black pearl granite, leathered through BBDG
BACKSPASH White-honed Madera, Traditions in Tile and Stone, traditionsintile.com
SINK Blanco, blancoamerica.com
COOKTOP, REFRIGERATOR, AND WALL OVENS GE, geappliances.com
FAUCET Danze, danze.com
PENDANT LIGHTS Arteriors, arteriorshome.com