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## FIT FOR A CHEF

DESIGNER: **ANTHONY ALBERT PASSANANTE, CKD, CBD, ALLIED ASID, ANTHONY ALBERT STUDIOS, WALDWICK**  
 INTERIOR DESIGNER: **CHRISTY KOHLER, CK DESIGN, INC., MAHWAH**  
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The work of designer Anthony Albert Passanante, the renovated kitchen of this colonial-style stucco home in Mahwah is uniquely customized to evoke the livelihood of its two creative homeowners, a well-known local chef and an interior designer. The kitchen recalls the beauty of the Ramapo Mountains through its “rough, handmade textures” and unique bar featuring vintage barn beams framing a three-piece antiquated mirror, two-inch concrete counter and rounded glass shelves. Flush LED lights create a subtle glow.

Complementing the guest-friendly bar is a temperature-controlled wine storage unit within the central island, which is situated just to the left of the bar. The island’s gray, hand-brushed glazed cabinets and natural quartzite counter exemplify Passanante’s eye for detail. “It’s great for laying out food and for guests to gather around,” he says. The generous island, measuring nearly 5 ½ square feet, comfortably accommodates three stools, even serving as a hidden storage space. Both the impressive bar and wine storage unit create an inviting and delightful atmosphere, perfect for a family who love to entertain.

Above the island, interior designer Christy Kohler suspended a pair of modern, textural Hugo Column pendants by Juliska featuring hand-blown glass that resembles cracked ice. Three Newbury swivel stools by Hickory Chair are upholstered in Kravet’s ivory faux leather.

To further personalize the space, Passanante’s metal artisan hand-crafted a zinc and stainless steel hood, fashioned with vintage bolts, to accent the chef’s 48-inch Thermador cooktop. The steel straps lining the hood create rustic-looking seams that harmonize with the wooden beams of the bar. Crown molding around the ceiling, recessed-panel cabinets, and a Calacatta Gold mosaic subway tile backsplash are dressy details you’d expect to find in the kitchen of an interior designer. On the floor, Passanante achieved the look of worn and weathered wood via laminate paneling overlaying pre-existing tile. ➤



