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# GREEN DREAM



## THE PROJECT

California-based interior designer Caren Rideau ([kitchendesigngroup.com](http://kitchendesigngroup.com)) knows kitchens. She's even written a book about them—*Caren Rideau: Kitchen Designer, Vintner, Entertaining at Home* (Pointed Leaf Press)—that's debuting this fall. For this L.A. project—a ground-up home for a celebrity comedian and his family—Rideau wanted to create a space that fit in well with the house's overall farmhouse style while also showcasing a bold yet livable color: the perfect green.



## THE DETAILS

Rideau and her team spent quite some time trying to create the just-right shade. "I wanted the green to be bright and energizing, but with a kitchen of this size, I knew it also had to have a warm undertone," she says. "As we began to develop the color, my thoughts went to the green of a serrano pepper, a staple item in my kitchen." She balanced the bold cabinets with a forgiving tumbled limestone floor—perfect for the active family of four and their pets—and durable quartz countertops. "I never want to select a competing color when choosing a bold hue in the kitchen," she says. Since the cabinets reach the 10-foot ceilings, a stylish rolling ladder allows easy access to top-shelf items.

From top: In lieu of upper cabinets, Rideau decided to add three large windows that look out to the expansive garden. The wicker stools are from Serena & Lily, the flooring is from Exquisite Surfaces and the lighting is from Circa Lighting; Rideau incorporated appliances from Viking and Sub-Zero into the design.



## THE OUTCOME

"The end result of this kitchen embodied all of my clients' practical needs for a busy family, while celebrating the farm-style aesthetic and the vibrancy of the perfect green," Rideau reports. Details like brass cabinet hardware imported from England and organic wicker island stools are the perfect finishing touches to the warm and welcoming space. "The kitchen is current and modern with its products," says Rideau, "but farmhouse in style and it makes you want to cook and entertain."

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Rideau worked with Shawn Rabbani, CEO of Bellagio Design Build, on the project. The Wood Mode cabinets are painted in a custom green lacquer and adorned with brass hardware imported from England.