

A CHILDHOOD KITCHEN *reimagined*

Making over the place you grew up is the most meaningful kind of reno.

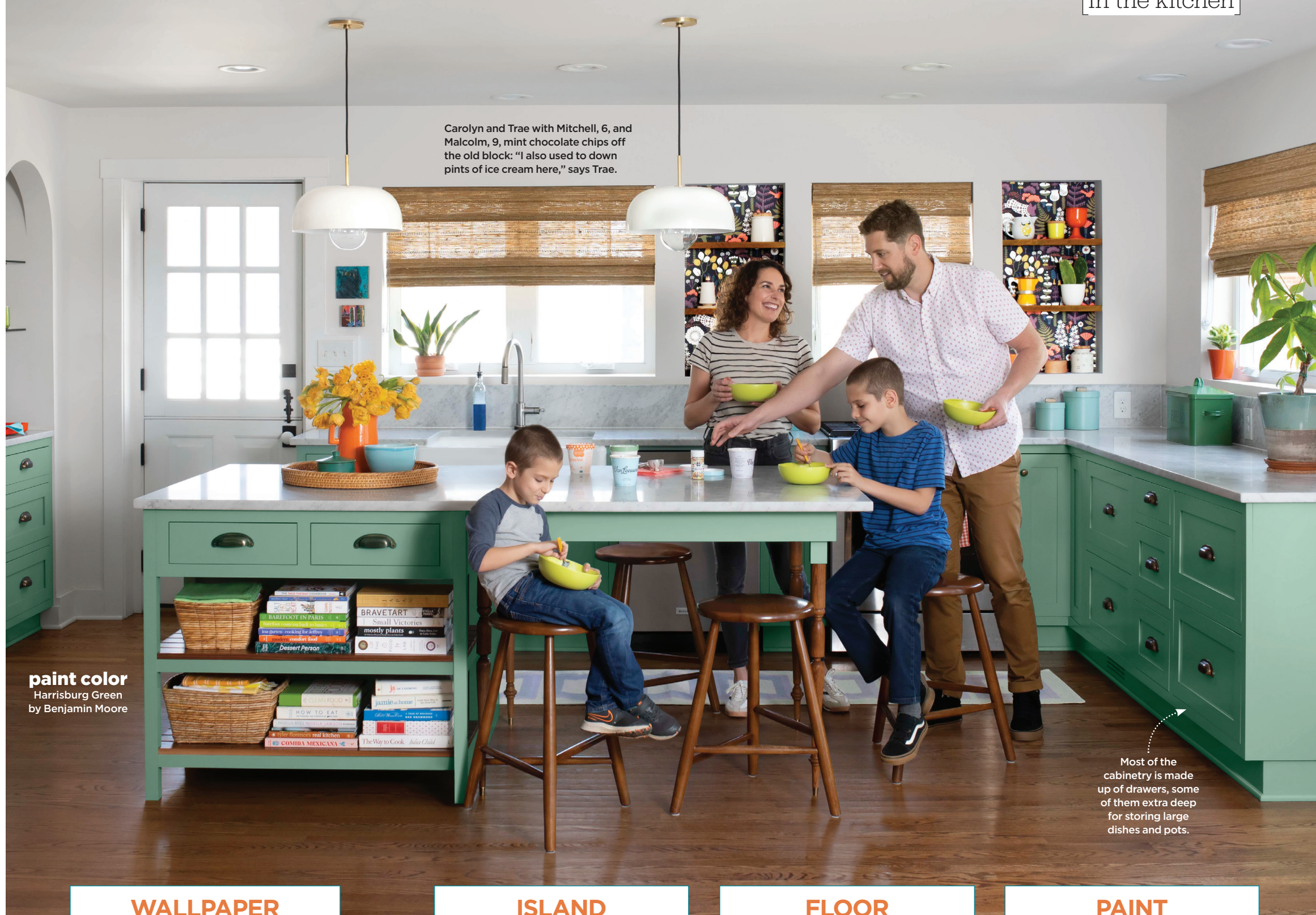


Back in 2005:
homeowner Trae
(right) Lamond
with parents
Dave and Jane





Trae and his wife, Carolyn, loved the home's original arched doorways so much, they added one to create a mini bar.



Carolyn and Trae with Mitchell, 6, and Malcolm, 9, mint chocolate chips off the old block: "I also used to down pints of ice cream here," says Trae.

paint color
Harrisburg Green
by Benjamin Moore

Most of the cabinetry is made up of drawers, some of them extra deep for storing large dishes and pots.

Restaurant owners Trae and Carolyn Lamond were on the hunt for a home in Alexandria, VA, with a great kitchen. Trae's parents had the solution: *their* place, a 1920s farmhouse where he'd been raised. "They had decided to sell and thought it would be cool to keep it in the family," says Trae. Although the cooking space wasn't quite the couple's idea of foodie heaven, with its small footprint and dark cabinetry, the family-friendly neighborhood and dearth of other prospects won out. After tapping design/build team Michelle and Kevin Schmauder, they upped the size by merging it with the dining room; put in an island and new cabinetry; and ended up with a bright, cheerful spot. When Trae's folks first came to see it, there was just a little sellers' regret: "They said they wished they'd done the same 30 years ago!"

WALLPAPER

Sorry, mom, had to change the wallpaper! Added shelving nooks that flank the windows got a quirky botanical print by Boråstapeter as a backdrop. It makes the couple's knickknacks, jugs, and jars look even more whimsical.

ISLAND

The workhorse of the room looks like a nice piece of furniture with vintage red oak banisters that serve as legs. "We planned the shape to house my cookbook collection," says Carolyn. "Now I have easy access."

FLOOR

Trae was particularly eager to ditch the gray linoleum (underneath it: very '70s yellow hex tiles he used to roller-skate on). Red oak with a rich stain—Special Walnut by Minwax—infuses the room with warmth.

PAINT

The Lamonds briefly considered white for the cabinets, "but it felt too plain-Jane for us," says Trae. Minty green has a retro feel that speaks to the home's age, and it's just dark enough to hide scuffs and fingerprints.

[in the kitchen]



canisters

Shaillee 5¼"H x 5"-diameter steel and acacia wood canister in mint, \$20, and 7"H x 6¼"-diameter canister, \$30, both crateandbarrel.com



wallpaper

Brewster Hoppet Folk Scandinavian wallpaper in multicolor, \$126 per double roll, homedepot.com



pendant

Dea 11"-diameter aged-brass-finished-steel and aluminum pendant in cream, \$348, luluandgeorgia.com



pear

Mudpie 6¾"-tall paulownia wood pear, \$16, madisonsniche.com

shop the look



coffeemaker

Sanwood 6¼"-tall aluminum coffeemaker in yellow, \$37, walmart.com



bowl

Sailor 16"-diameter glazed earthenware footed bowl, \$70, crateandbarrel.com



clock

Pugg 12½"-diameter stainless steel clock, \$10, ikea.com



counter stool

George Oliver Drubin 25"-tall wood swivel counter stool in antique coffee, \$120, wayfair.com



glasses

Wine Punts 12-ounce glasses in Kelly, \$40 for a set of 4, store.177milkstreet.com



pitcher

Sienna 6"-tall stoneware pitcher in orange, \$118, sundancecatalog.com