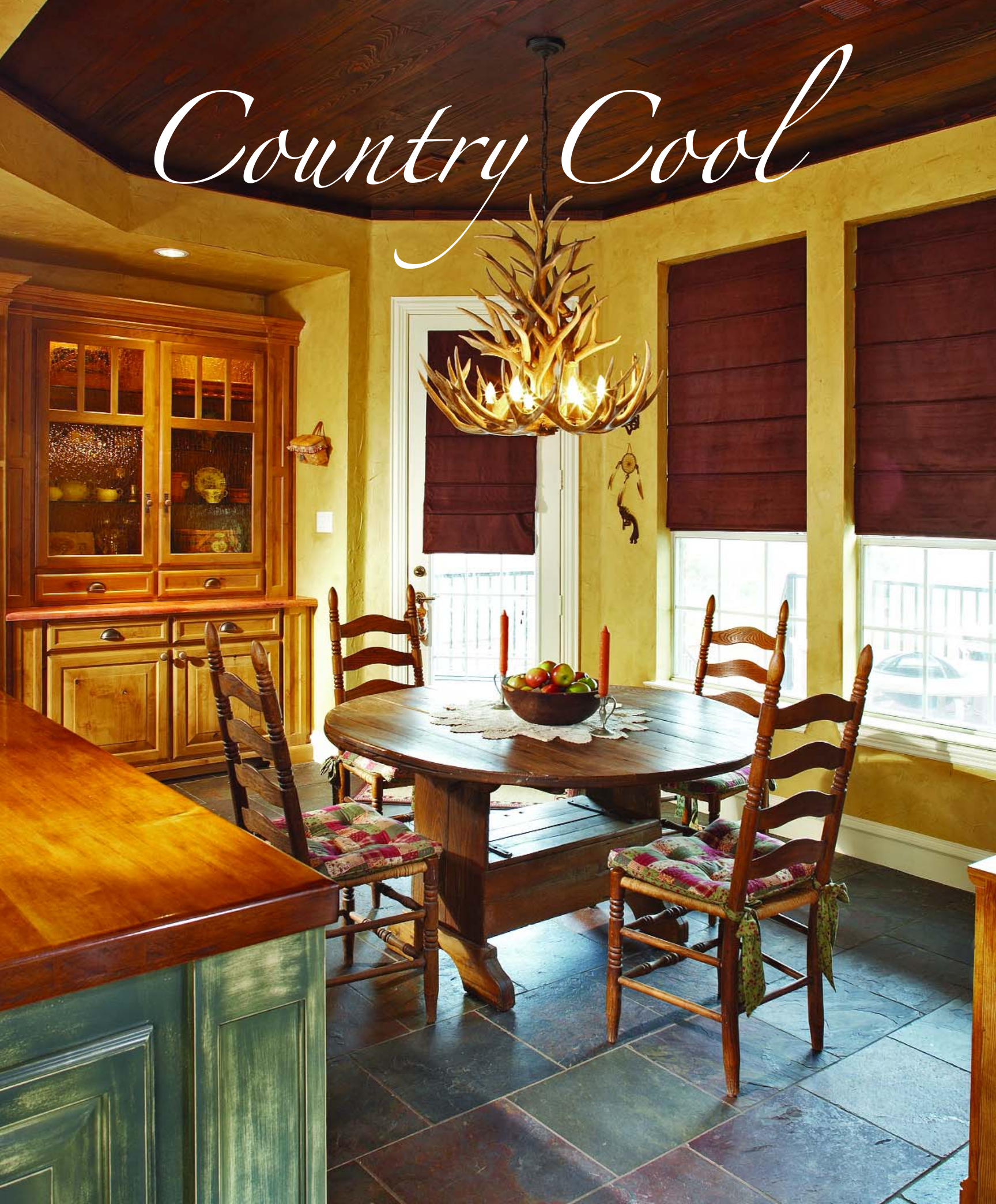


# *Country Cool*







**ABOVE:** Additional storage was key in the kitchen. The new island with maple top has 16 feet of storage and now features a wine chiller and trash compactor. Slate flooring and Douglas fir beams on the ceiling add to the rustic look. **OPPOSITE:** Highlights in the breakfast nook include a cypress ceiling and additional storage with an 8-foot-tall glass-front hutch and a built-in cabinet that holds the TV.

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With a focus on antiques, Western art and American Indian artifacts, Southlake homeowners Carole and Jim Davis wanted to transform their main living areas — including kitchen, breakfast nook, family room and outdoor entertaining area — into an updated space that reflects their unique interests and personal style.

Built in 1997, the home had some organizational and storage challenges. The owners originally brought in USI Remodeling to redesign and remodel the kitchen, and the project grew from there. The final design plan included adding new flooring in the formal areas, enlarging the family room

**A Southlake  
 home's rustic  
 transformation**

**Project Budget: \$311,000**

by incorporating the former back porch, remodeling the kitchen and breakfast room, raising the deck outside and landscaping.

“We needed to concentrate on a design that incorporated storage as a major element,” says USI Remodeling owner Chris Chumbley. The rustic, western theme chosen was based on the owners’ request to use knotty alder cabinetry and incorporate their antiques and artwork. They also needed a place for large

family gatherings. “These guys love the West,” Chumbley adds.

In the kitchen, the redesigned island, with its beautiful hand-crafted random width maple top, has 16 linear feet of storage. “Before, the island was not useful, and I was disappointed in my workspace,” says Carole who loves to cook as a hobby. “Now the island has useful storage all the way around.” ▶





Additional storage is found next to the refrigerator — an 8-foot-tall appliance cabinet with rollout trays and full-extension glides. Beneath the cooktop, the decorative legs on the cabinet front are actually spice racks. “Because of the organization and additional storage, three more new appliances were added to the room — a warming drawer, wine chiller and trash compactor,” Chumbley says.

Carole says she also likes the fact that all the cabinetry looks more like furniture than standard cabinetry.

The adjoining breakfast nook features an inset cypress ceiling, an 8-foot-tall, glass-fronted hutch and built-in corner cabinet that houses a flat-screen TV.

Hand-hewn solid Douglas fir beams highlight the tall ceilings in the kitchen and family room. “We took advantage of the 10-foot ceilings to further develop the rustic stylings,” Chumbley says.

Slate flooring was used in the kitchen and the family room, which features a red oak picketed floor with slate insets. “I wanted to use slate in the family room to match the slate floor in the kitchen, but my husband wanted hardwood, so we compromised,” Carole says.

Other amazing features in the family room include built-in knotty alder cabinetry and the masonry fireplace mantle with custom display for the flat-screen.

Outside, a composite deck featuring multiple TVs with surround sound completes this home’s total evolution. “The remodel has created a real family center,” Carole says.



**ABOVE:** The den showcases the owners’ love of the West. Rustic beams on the ceiling, red oak picketed flooring with slate insets and built-in knotty alder cabinetry are special features. Along the room’s back wall is window box seating with storage below.





**ABOVE:** The backsplash is slate with amber glass accents from the Jeffery Court collection, available at American Tile. The block glass window above the cooktop is another beautiful focal point in the kitchen.

**RESOURCES:**

**Remodeler:**

**USI REMODELING**

2100 North Highway 360, Ste. 1603  
Grand Prairie  
972.206.0750  
www.usiremodeling.com

**Kitchen floor and backsplash:**

**AMERICAN TILE**

2244 Luna Rd., Carrollton  
972.620.1866  
www.americantile.com

**Sink, faucet, cabinet hardware:**

**GOODMAN SUPPLY**

9750 John W. Elliot Dr., Frisco  
972.668.4663, www.goodmansupply.com

**Viking appliances:**

**KIVA KITCHEN & BATH**

2651 Fondren, Dallas  
214.363.7211, www.kivahome.com

**Flooring in den:**

**SPECIALTY HARDWOOD**

10991 Petal St., Dallas, 214.739.3335  
www.specialty-hardwood.com