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*"The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned."*  
—MAYA ANGELOU

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# *Kitchen, Bath, and BEYOND*

*October is National Kitchen and Bath Month and we're celebrating some of our community's most outstanding design talent.*

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Janie Petkus and Drury Design

## French Influences

**Kitchen:** Janie Petkus of Janie Petkus Interiors had been working with an Oak Brook family to create the empty-nest dwelling of their dreams. “They are Francophiles in every sense of the word,” Janie says, who used this as her jumping off-point when she began designing the interior of the family’s new home. The French-imported copper and limestone hood was the cornerstone upon which the kitchen’s design was based. “I brought in Drury Design to help me with the cabinets. I’ve worked with Gail [Drury] practically since she started her company. She and her husband have a great sense for how to enhance a space’s functionality,” Janie says. “It was an incredible collaboration.”

Drury Design oversaw the design of the French country cabinetry, wooden cabinets with a subtle paint glaze with grey undertones, some of which showcases the homeowners’ vast collection of French pottery. The center island in the kitchen was a dark grey—almost black—with minimal distressing and finishes. Some antique mirrored panels were built into one of the kitchen’s tallest cabinets, making it feel like a piece

of furniture—adding to the home’s French chateau feel.

Above the island are show-stopping light fixtures, treasures Janie found on her East Coast travels that were originally designed by legendary American interior decorator Dorothy Draper. But when asked what the favorite element of the kitchen was, both Janie’s and Gail’s answers are the same. To separate the home-

owner’s office space from the kitchen, Janie found was a unique vintage door that was crafted to slide back and forth, providing convenient privacy between the spaces when needed. “Creativity at its best,” Janie adds.



**Bath:** The redesign of the couple’s master bath began with Janie’s choices of furniture for the home’s interior that homeowners loved. The details of these pieces were incorporated into the design of the bathroom vanity, which inspired the aesthetic for the rest of the space. Soft-whitewashed tones and complementary tile added to the calming tone of this master bath.

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