

## OLD-WORLD ROMANCE



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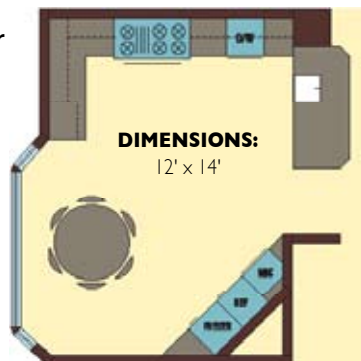
### WISH LIST

- ✓ More character
- ✓ Increase cabinetry and countertop space
- ✓ "Wow" impression

AFTER BEING INSPIRED BY A BLUE KITCHEN SHE SAW IN A magazine, the wife of a retired couple wanted a "wow" kitchen that appealed to her personally; designer Janell Rasper of Callen Construction Co. in Muskego, Wisconsin, decided that pale blue cabinetry with darker blue/black granite would provide the right effect. Instead of having the cabinets painted, however, she selected the Starmark line, which manufactures some of its cabinets with color

"built in" so that it wears better. The clients wanted to use the kitchen for family gatherings, so they took down a wall between the kitchen and the adjoining dining room, removed soffits to gain more cabinet space and closed a wall between the kitchen and living room for more wall space for cabinets, a counter and the refrigerator/freezer. "Our overall goal was an open, clean and elegant look," Rasper says. To enhance the blues, Rasper went with beige and off-white travertine tiles along the backsplashes, with a tiny row of iridescent blue glass tiles plus a blue mosaic "picture" design behind the range for some eye candy. She selected a traditional cabinet door style that she accented with fluted columns, brackets, glass doors, a mantel shelf and crown molding. Since the homeowners didn't want a room that looked too much from the past, she included a few contemporary touches such as the circular tiles and crystal pendant lights.

floor plan



### The Basics

#### DESIGNER:

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**» SPECIAL FEATURES:** Pale blue cabinets; Blue Pearl granite countertops; Elaborate hood with mantel shelf, brackets and cabinets above

#### PRODUCTS USED:

• Range: Electrolux • Refrigerator/freezer: JennAir • Dishwasher: Fisher & Paykel • Countertops: Granite, Blue Pearl • Sink, faucet: Kohler • Cabinetry: Starmark, maple, Bethany door style, Acanthus crown molding, blue "Aegean Mist" color • Hardware: Top Knobs, pewter • Tile: 6" textured, circular glass tiles with glazed accent pieces from Jeffrey Court Designs; beige tumbled travertine stone tiles in the field from 21st Century Tile • Floor: Oak

**BIG DECISION** The kitchen may be tiny, but equipment still was separated to allow for ample counter space and traffic flow.

**COOL COMBO** A mix of tiles along the backsplash adds character plus texture.



# Small Stunner

Pale blue cabinetry and iridescent glass tiles create practical magic

