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## It's in the Details

IT'S THE "LITTLE THINGS" that complete the look of your kitchen cabinetry. Detailing with the little extras not only adorns your kitchen but helps in achieving the much desired "look" or "style".

This beautiful "French Country" kitchen has been designed for open concept living. The designer selected a rich cream coloured paint with a taupe glaze to accent the applied moulding on the flat panel MDF doors. The MDF doors were selected to minimize the possibility of cracking in the paint as MDF is a more stable product than wood.

The use of upper cabinets at varied heights not only adds interest but allows room for displaying. Different cabinet depths, on both the wall and base cabinets also add interest and aid in defining the dining area. The island is designed to accommodate casual seating and can also be used for additional dining guests. Combined with the "dressed out" island, this kitchen has a "furniture" feel which suits the space.

Additional adornments have been used to give it a soft, "elegant" flavour, as opposed to the more commonly known "rustic" French Country styling.



**LEFT:** Decorative fret work and captain's rail was selected as accents for the kitchen's canopy range hood. This style of hood cleverly disguises the exhaust fan.

**RIGHT:** Bronzed wire mesh door inserts are used to break up the heaviness of solid cabinet doors, giving a light and airy feeling. This treatment injects that "country" flavour and allows one to display decorative glassware, cups and mugs.



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**LEFT:** The use of a simple plate rack and open shelf introduces another attractive "open space" for display and interest. The decorative valance, which dresses out the open shelf, is a "see through" version of the treatment used on the range's canopy hood.

**RIGHT:** Finishing the island ends, with "door-matched" panels, helps to dress up a usually flat surface and compliments the kitchen's "furniture" look.



**ABOVE:** Flat, rectangular toe-kicks are the standard, however they are good candidates for stylish alterations. Decorative turned feet at the base of this kitchen's servery are a simple addition that accent the angled projection of the cabinet and display the "furniture" feel.



**LEFT:** Upper cabinets are often left unadorned. However, if they stop short of the ceiling or soffit, and room permits, a crown moulding treatment adds another interest and enhances the look of the cabinets. To complete the look in this kitchen, the use of an oversized crown moulding effectively balances the taller upper cabinets. To create this additional height, three different mouldings have been assembled, one on top of the other, and in contrast, the shorter cabinets have been adorned with the first layer only - a simple bull-nose.

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**BOTTOM:** Dark granite counter tops exude that "custom" flavour and the under-mounted sink aids in easy clean-ups. The polished nickel, high arc faucet and hand spray enables the cook to fill those "taller than usual" pots.



**RIGHT:** Bead board paneling, which has been custom cut into solid MDF material, is applied to this kitchen's island back and back-splash area of the servery, and is a component that is often seen in "French Country" design. 

