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JOHN BARMAN
chose dark rustic
hinges to accentuate the
country flavor of his
Hamptons cottage kitchen.



CONTRAST

"After your cabinets, the second-largest impact points are your countertops and backsplash," says Mark Williams. "Do something unexpected, like putting a traditional veined stone with a modern cabinet, or a modern quartz composite with a traditional cabinet. If your backsplash is a focal point, keep your counters clutter-free to show it off."

FLOORING

"A white kitchen can be super-chic, but make sure your flooring is darker to add a bit of contrast to the space," says Denise McGaha. "I like wood floors, and if they're wire-brushed and paired with lacquered white cabinets, I am instantly in love."

WOOD It's soft underfoot, and it adds warmth. Look for reclaimed floorboards to give a sense of age to a new kitchen.

TERRA-COTTA You can't go wrong with this traditional farmhouse look. Like a ticket to the south of France.

PORCELAIN In tile form, it's amazingly durable, and it can look exactly like stone or wood, as well as Le Corbusier white.

BAMBOO The eco-friendly alternative to hardwoods. Because it's water-resistant, it's easy to maintain.

"I'm a big advocate for including fine dining chairs in a kitchen. They don't have to be expensive. Just look for an original and stylish design."

SUSAN SERRA