

A Gentleman's Lodge

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What do you get when you cross Arts & Crafts style with a rustic mountain lodge? Throw in a touch of Europe to the mix and you'll have the Watson Lodge, a 4,300-square-foot, three-level vacation home with sweeping views of California's Squaw Valley ski area—and the second of our 2002 Kitchen of the Year contest winners.

How did this eclectic mix come to be? "We found an old English hunting cabinet, which became the inspiration for the look," says Catherine Macfee, the interior designer for the project. "We wanted a gentleman's retreat, with rich textures and color; masculine, but not too dark."

The kitchen encompasses all of these requirements, with granite countertops,

distressed pine cabinetry, antique French sinks and hickory flooring. Lots of natural light and amazing views make the kitchen a natural place to gather, which was the goal of the home's architect, Greg Dorland.

"I wanted to bring light in from as many sides as I could and maximize the views," says Greg. "From every angle in the kitchen and the adjoining dining room there is something to see."

The dining area, although open to the kitchen, has the feel of a separate formal room. An antique teak table, Catherine-designed chairs and light fixture, and a large, stone fireplace—not to mention the elk head—help to create the lodge-style ambience the homeowner wanted. ▲

RESOURCES

Architect
Greg Dorland
Dorland Properties

Builder
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Interior Designer
Catherine Macfee
Catherine Macfee &
Associates Interior Design

USEFUL TIPS

Be Inspired

Let your collections and the things you love determine the style of your kitchen. This one is filled with French copper hotel pots and vintage fishing creels.

Give and Take

Mountain homes are all about the views, so consider giving up a few overhead cabinets for some big, bright windows.

A Focal Point

Spurging on that one special piece can make all the difference. This kitchen's custom-designed pot rack, complete with direct and indirect lighting, commands a second look.



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