

COLOR SPOTLIGHT

In This Luxe Kitchen, Purple Reigns



PHOTOGRAPHER SOAPSTONE, PAINT: LARA ROBBY/STUDIO D. FOR MORE DETAILS, SEE RESOURCES

When a Texas designer rejects shrinking-violet colors, there's no stopping the posh.

Denise McGaha doesn't do half measures when it comes to color. "I'm a big believer in committing to a palette. If you love a color, go big with it!" says the designer, who layered five shades of purple in this glamorous exhibition kitchen. McGaha found her initial inspiration

in Shadow, a moody amethyst gray—and Benjamin Moore's Color of the Year—that she chose for the exterior cabinets. Its neighboring hues on the fan deck, a wispy lilac and a lush iris, were the ideal complements for the floor and ceiling, respectively. To ground the room, the designer topped the island with a slab of deep gray Silestone and an oil-rubbed bronze fixture from Kohler, which make

the unit feel like a piece of furniture, not simply counter space. Gold-flecked antiqued mirror cabinet fronts, a Currey & Company chandelier, and a kidney-shaped velvet sofa round out the sensuous area, while a gleaming backsplash of Ann Sacks fan-patterned tiles adds Art Deco appeal. Says McGaha: "Why shouldn't a space we spend so much time in feel elegant?" —*Haley Chouinard*



Clockwise from left: Soapstone in Charcoal. From \$45 per sq. ft. silestoneusa.com. North Cascades paint (on island) and Shadow (below, on cabinets). From \$70 per gallon. benjaminmoore.com. Ermano Field tile. From \$22 per sq. ft.

annsacks.com. Artifacts Pull-Down Faucet in Oil-Rubbed Bronze. \$805. us.kohler.com. Mid Century Knob in Natural Brass. \$14. schoolhouse.com