Show Time

Rach's design buddy Evette Rios gives us a behind-the-scenes tour of the *Rachael Ray* show kitchen.

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Evette: When you were designing the kitchen, what was the number-one must-have on your list? Rachael: Slab butcher-block counters, so that I don't have to use cutting boards all the time. ER: What's your favorite part of the kitchen? RR: I love my vintage range and fridge. I have a bright gas stove at home as well, so it feels like my kitchen.

ER: The set is so lively and fun. Was that your goal? **RR:** Yes. Both the *30 Minute Meals* and the *Rachael Ray* kitchens are eclectic and brightly colored. They don't take themselves too seriously.

ER: What suggestions do you have for people who are thinking about remodeling their own kitchens?
RR: Go for a slab butcher-block counter to work on, and a workspace right next to the stovetop. It saves a lot of time when you're cooking.





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Rachael Says...

"YOUR SURROUNDINGS SHOULD MATCH YOUR PERSONALITY. I LOVE COLORFUL THINGS, SO IT WAS NATURAL TO HAVE A COLORFUL KITCHEN, TOO!"

> Banana Cream Yellow

Hues Clues

Set designer Joe Stewart
picked the iconic O'KEEFE & MERRITT
ORANGE STOVE (\$5,200, vintagestoves.
com) and BIG CHILL FRIDGE IN BEACH
BLUE (\$2,700, bigchillfridge.com)
with Rach's love of color in mind.
Get the same look (without the
hefty price tag) by painting one or
two areas—an accent wall, pantry
door or floating shelf—in bright
shades like DURATION HOME
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YELLOW (\$40 for 1 gallon sherwinwilliams.com for stores).

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Hot Stuff

Although the retro stove gets the most attention, the Viking range sees the most use. To keep the action centered for the lens, the nearby drawers and cabinets are filled with Rach's favorite cooking tools, like her knives, spoonulas and graters.



Rachael Says...

"I SURROUND MYSELF WITH THINGS THAT I LOVE AND THAT REMIND ME OF SPECIAL PEOPLE IN MY LIFE. I HAVE PERSONAL PHOTOS, TRAVEL SOUVENIRS AND ITEMS FROM MY OWN HOUSE."



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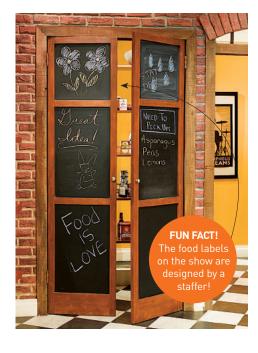


Chalk It Up

The inspiration for the chalkboard pantry door came from Rachael, who wanted a fun and useful spot to jot down notes and grocery lists. Make your own kitchen canvas by spraying a coat of **BLACK CHALKBOARD** PAINT (\$5.20 artcity.com) on a cabinet door or blank wall.



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