

FIVE WARM AND INVITING KITCHENS WHERE
ORGANIC MATERIALS TAKE CENTER STAGE

RUSTIC CHARM

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Rustic mountain kitchens are warm and comfortable—multipurpose spaces that celebrate natural materials in their truest form. Warm wood tones with organic textures add character and authenticity to the heart of a home. Thoughtful design, with a focus on creating cozy spaces, using quality materials and appliances, and maintaining open flow, results in inviting mountain culinary retreats where families gather to nourish the soul. The kitchens featured here are layered with earthy elements, establishing a comfortable atmosphere where families spend their happiest moments.

>> RUGGED BEAUTY Unobstructed mountain views informed the design decisions of this superb kitchen in Red Lodge, Montana. Justin Tollefson of Pearson Design Group sourced natural materials, including weathered wood and regional moss rock, making them core to the rustic design of the space. "The weathered wood gives us color, texture, scale and then also a very tactile craftsmanship," explains Tollefson.

Book-matched marble and custom lighting mingle with organic elements to create balance. Locally sourced reclaimed wood outfits the walls, ceilings and refrigerator. The culinary space interacts seamlessly with the gathering room, dining room and impressive exterior patio where the family enjoys views of the surrounding landscape. "My favorite feature of the kitchen, and probably the whole house, is the exterior patio," says Tollefson. "It's an extension of the kitchen itself, with a floating roof and fireplace. It's very intimate." >>

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