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3 TAKE A RISK

A powder room (left) can be an easier place to go bold than a larger living space. "Powder rooms should be unique experiences," LaMendola says. "It should be a design you fully enjoy with wild abandon, which this is." Mary instantly fell for the wallpaper (by Osborne and Little, through AJ Maison). A marble vanity from Capital Granite adds drama, but the minimalistic shape keeps lines clean.

4 A CUSTOM FIT

Since the Fredericks often host a crowd, food, drink, and cookware storage was key. A full-service coffee station with plumbing sits behind glass doors, and a butler's pantry past double Wolf ovens stores everything they need for family dinners—including food, a large beverage fridge, and pots and pans. A pot filler above the range makes boiling water a cinch. "They cook like crazy," LaMendola says. "There's lots of function designed for their specific needs."

5 ATTENTION TO DETAIL

One of LaMendola's goals was to keep the design uncomplicated but still unique by using a bold, singular color on the cabinets, warm wood tones on the shelving and swivel barstools, and mixed metal accents throughout. "These things blend together because the features of the components are similar," she says. "The textures and details—it's not an accident. It can't just be a circus."

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