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WHY AREN'T SPICES YOUR?



# DESIGN INSPIRATION CAN BE JUST AN ARM'S LENGTH AWAY.



Some fashion accessories are special, like that favorite scarf, (you know the one) because there's so much one can do with it.

Take the case of Michele Curry who took the inspirations of her favorite scarf beyond the bounds of her wardrobe when she decorated her award-winning 3,000 square foot, three-floor home in Saratoga Springs, NY around it with the help of builder Dean Durst and designer Sally Carpenter of Albany Tile.

In the Spring issue, FABULOUS FLOORS described how colors of a favorite item reflect one's personality and how the ones in Michele's scarf inspired designs in the master bath and powder room — colors like wasabi, terra cotta and Brazilian cherry. In this issue, we turn our attention to the kitchen and more inspirations from that now-famous scarf.

According to designer Carpenter, "The scarf came into play in the kitchen with the colors working off the granite countertops, cabinets and wenge-and-hardmaple butcherblock island top (by Craft Art Wood Countertops, supplied by Kitchen Dimensions of Saratoga)." From the green-gray of the walls to the granite countertops (polished Labrador antique from Granite and Marble Works in Saratoga) to the Brazilian cherry floors (the same as used in the master bath flooring), the colors of that scarf are hard at work.

The backsplash was created using 4x4 inch stone-looking porcelain field tile from Sonoma Tilemakers. What makes for the most custom of looks are the hand-painted accents, inserts and liners from Encore Ceramics, Grant's Pass, Oregon. The field tile was set in a diamond pattern and relieved with the deco glazed 2x2 inch inserts featuring a coffee brown-black with subtle hints of plum, yellow, green and pink. "It's really a small kaleidoscope of color when you look at it," Carpenter said. "We used a 4x4 insert in the center over the stove with 3x3s in the corner to form a frame. The arrangement is simple, but stunning," she added.

When finished, the home was part of the local 2004 project show house and captured all but one of the major awards. 🍷