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Seven weeks: That's how long Jeanne Chung, Principal and owner of California-based Cozy Stylish Chic, had to complete this kitchen for the homeowners and the 2018 Pasadena Showcase House. See how Chung took this stripped-to-the-studs kitchen to luxurious heights.

1. The homeowner wanted a bit of an edge to push the boundaries of traditional design in Pasadena, CA, where the style can oftentimes seem a bit stuffy. The request was for black, white and brass — much like the rest of the existing home, and while it reads as that, I softened things up a bit by opting for charcoal in a satin finish, then added in natural wood, white for balance and a rich malachite green for visual interest. The home is more than 100 years old, so it was important to speak to the architectural bones of the home.

2. The backsplash is a marble tile from Kelly Wearstler for Ann Sacks that we chose because of the graphic pattern and the beautiful combination of verde green and white marble, which ties into the color scheme throughout the space. The three-tier brass hood makes a statement, so we selected a color and pattern that was equally as strong to keep this area of the kitchen as a main focal point.

3. Anything that makes the cook's job in the kitchen easier is a luxury, and we placed the unlikeliest of things to help — a projector. Not just any projector, but a small and inconspicuous Portable Ultra Short Throw projector by Sony Life Space UX. Although it can be used to watch TV, we opted to use it to project recipes on the wall from a phone via Bluetooth. No more squinting at the small print and no more page flipping with dirty fingers, as the looped slideshow feature turns the pages back and forth every few seconds.