

# HEART SOUL

NATIVE MATERIALS SET AN ORGANIC BASE FOR A CASUALLY ELEGANT NEW HOME THAT CONNECTS WITH THE TEXAS COUNTRYSIDE

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**Kitchen** Warm white embraces glamorous touches on lighting, cabinet hardware, and plumbing fixtures. Tones of gray fluctuate in the tile backsplash. The pantry is appointed with stylish storage for all things necessary to entertain.



*Inside and out, the materials*

# HAVE AN ORGANIC

*hand in keeping with the locale.*  
—designer Paloma Contreras



see it the moment you walk in, so it needed to be pretty as well as functional.” Reclaimed oak beams define the ceiling and warm up the neutral space abounding with storage-rich, white flat-front cabinetry. A wood island base mimics the ceiling and jibes with Texas post oak floors. Sleek stone interjects modernity in the form of a waterfall countertop on the island and a slab backsplash behind the range. “The marble has a lot of movement,” Contreras

says, “so it adds a great textural and graphic touch to the neutral kitchen.” Unlacquered brass on lighting, hardware, faucets, and framed art introduces an element of timeless glamor and a living finish that promises patina in the years ahead. The botanical art serves as decoration: “Even a utilitarian space should feel decorated,” Contreras says. And it adds a splash of black that grounds the airy space as it meshes with black-framed windows.