

PERSONAL SPACE

Roy Dudley

Occupation: As owner of Roy Dudley Antiques, I work as an antiques dealer, estate sale conductor and personal property appraiser (www.roydudleyestatesales.com).

Where I live: I live in Hillcrest in a remodeled 1920s cottage.

My favorite space: The island in my kitchen.

Why? I have so many things going on in my business that the kitchen island serves as command central. This is where members of our staff gather to decide what we need to do today and on occasion, we eat a meal in here. Four pizza boxes fit perfectly on the island, but I do enjoy cooking for friends when time allows. The room is so light and bright that when people walk in through the front door they are

drawn to this room. I wanted the kitchen to be comfortable because I knew it's the place where people love to come together in a home. My kitchen has the feeling of being in a treehouse with large windows opening to the treetops in the backyard. One thing that makes the island special is the marble end pieces that were originally used in the lobby of the Union National Bank building built in the 1930s. I bought this house from Garry Mertins who did the major remodeling work, but I was able to buy it from him before the work was completed, so I got to design some of the spaces for my own personal use.

If I could do one thing to improve this space, I would: Build a deck and screened-in porch that will wrap around the kitchen and overlook the backyard.

—Catherine Rodgers



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