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LUKE JOHN & AMY DICKSON

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South's Greatest Kitchens

Rain and Porter
Galloway pictured
in their state-of-
the-art kitchen in
Spring Island, SC.

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AWARD-WINNING INTERIOR DESIGNERS, AMY AND LUKEJOHN DICKSON HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES AND HAVE POSITIONED THEMSELVES AS THE GO-TO COUPLE FOR UPSCALE DESIGN. CHECK OUT THESE THREE AMAZING KITCHENS CREATED BY THIS DYNAMIC DUO.

**SPRING ISLAND
OWNERS, PORTER & RAIN GALLOWAY
DESIGNER: LASOURCE HOME**

→ **HAVING LIVED OVERSEAS** in some of the world's most exotic destinations such as Thailand, France and Singapore, Porter and Rain Galloway set their sights on the Lowcountry coast when it was time to come home to the states 10 years ago – entranced with the beauty of natural elements that dwell in the Southeast's landscape of the ocean, rivers and marshlands.

Described as “veteran remodelers,” the couple considers their home on the exclusive Spring Island to be their first project that isn't just a renovation, but a transformation.

Five years in the making, this state-of-the-art kitchen combines outdoor elements with world-class design; it's a unique pairing of the rawness of nature and the sophistication of modern appliances which creates a space unlike any other.

With a passion for cooking and entertaining, the couple desired an open concept. “We wanted to create a welcoming feeling and place for people to enjoy,” Rain says.

The kitchen features dual 5-foot Galley Workstations that allow the two cooks to handle all tasks—preparation, serving, and clean-up—from a single, central spot, whether working side by side or separately. Kitchen designers Lukejohn and Amy Dickson of LaSource Home say the back-to-back configuration provides a “completely different dynamic” than more typical layouts—and is a perfect fit for the couple's cooking and entertaining style.

Complete with German Miele appliances, custom American-made cabinets, flooring from local reclaimed wood, paint from Farrow and Ball along with accessories provided by Plantation Interiors - this kitchen was thoughtfully designed to flow with the natural environment that surrounds it. It's hard to determine where the living space ends and the kitchen begins. Defined as a lifestyle kitchen - it creates a place for Porter and Rain to engage, entertain and be inspired by the elements. ■



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Award-winning kitchens start with great design. Lukejohn and Amy spent 4 years collaborating with their client to realize the vision and plan the execution. The result is beauty plus functionality.



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Meet Lukejohn & Amy Dickson

► **LaSOURCE HOME** was built on the foundation of **Amy Dickson's** passion for design, beauty and innovative products. A South Carolina native and **Savannah College of Art and Design** graduate, Dickson's skill with fabrics, accessories and decorative finishes for the home have driven her company's signature aesthetic, building on the foundation required ingenious brand development, a strategy Dickson followed through the acquisition of iconic Hilton Head Island design firm **Plantation Interiors**. Combining her considerable talents with the resources and prestige of **Plantation Interiors** allowed Dickson to give discriminating clients the best in home products and design excellence.

Amy's husband, **Lukejohn**, shares her passion for design, enhancing it with a focus on business development and building strong relationships. His attention to layout and resolving technical details, specifically in kitchens and baths, have earned him numerous awards as well as the loyalty of repeat clients. This husband-and-wife team has a client base that spreads throughout Savannah, Hilton Head and the Lowcountry, establishing them as the area's experts.

- 1 Galley 5' Workstation shown in a back-to-back configuration for maximum functionality.
- 2 Commercial style faucet with 360-degree articulating 18" spout.
- 3 Pop-Up Power with USB power outlets.
- 4 Handmade ceramic jars by **Plantation Interiors**.
- 5 **Miele** dominates the appliance industry with this 6 in 1 range: Cooktop, griddle, convention oven, microwave, speed oven and warming drawer.
- 6 Custom pantry storage conceals beverage station with **Miele Coffee Maker**.
- 7 Custom stainless steel range hood designed and built by **LaSOURCE**.
- 8 Fridge & freezer concealed in custom cabinetry in the back kitchen.

Jack and Leslie Trenta pictured with kitchen designers, Amy and Lukejohn Dickson

HOME OF JACK & LESLIE TRENTA

LOCATION: BLUFFTON, SC

DESIGNERS: LESLIE TRENTA & LUKEJOHN DICKSON



Bluffton, SC

A collaborative effort between interior designer Leslie Trenta and kitchen designer Lukejohn Dickson resulted in this traditional kitchen located in Old Town Bluffton's Historic District. It is as playful as it is polished.

With whimsical layers of colors and textures inspired by the landscape of the Lowcountry, the owners, Leslie & Jack Trenta, have imaginatively created a kitchen that reflects many elements of the Lowcountry vernacular.

Leslie, leading in the design, shows she isn't afraid of using color as she has carefully curated artwork and accessories to make the space feel even richer. The goal for the interior spaces throughout the newly constructed Guilford Place Cottages of Stock Farm was to have a home feel lived in and timeless, borrowing



elements of historic architectural details that make the home unique.

Made complete by a state-of-the-art La Cornue range as the centerpiece, and with a dog-friendly scullery (built with their beloved Brittany Spaniel, Sam, in mind), this fun kitchen is cozy, practical and perfectly equipped to entertain guests.

"Jack and I wanted a space that worked well with our lifestyle, while adding my own spin on timeless design that reflects the Lowcountry spirit," says Leslie. "Everything is functional and detailed-oriented, but also very comfortable. It's our little Lowcountry cottage." ■



Mike and Ann McLaughlin relaxing in their Piney Point kitchen.



The McLaughlin family with their Labrador Retriever, Tide.

PINEY POINT

— **NINE YEARS AFTER ANN AND MIKE MCLAUGHLIN** moved into their 1965 custom built home near the Savannah Yacht Club, they decided it was time to put a fresh spin on the original kitchen layout. With the help of designers Lukejohn and Amy Dickson of LaSource Home, they were able to curate a blend of authentic materials that create a space described as “Lowcountry chic.”

Using 2,000+-year-old sinker cypress pulled from beneath the Ogeechee River for ceiling beams and pillars, the duo opened up their kitchen so that it would be the focal point of this charming home. Crisp white quartz counter tops with waterfall edges create a simple look – designed to not take away from the bold texture of the wood.

“The original galley kitchen was a real challenge because of a load bearing wall. Luckily we were able to get creative with the local pecky cypress beams,” says Mike. “We wanted a simple, clean, coastal design and opening up the kitchen really changed the feel of the entire house.”



Adorned throughout this charming custom home is an impressive collection of Ann’s eclectic artwork.

Both former University of Alabama athletes (football & swimming) the two southerners have beautifully captured the essence of the Lowcountry in their newly renovated home.

With inviting views of their backyard, their sleek and stylish kitchen is a comfortable gathering place for the family of four and their beloved Labrador Retriever named Tide. ■