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FOR A GROWING FAMILY

DESIGN: **ANTHONY PASSANANTE, ANTHONY ALBERT STUDIOS, WALDWICK CONSTRUCTION; JIM VANORDEN, VINTAGE MANOR HOMES, FRANKLIN LAKES**
 MARBLE: **DENTE TRADING, CEDAR GROVE**
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Designed for a young couple with two small children, this Franklin Lakes kitchen — built in a brand-new home — features design elements that will grow with the family. “The couple hired us from the early stages, which was a great thing because I was able to redesign the kitchen area before the architectural plans were finalized,” Anthony Passanante of Anthony Albert Studios says. “I feel it’s always best that we get involved before construction begins to be certain all the client’s wants and needs can be met.” The focal point of the room is the custom-carved limestone hood. It was designed specifically for the kitchen space — and weighs close to 600 pounds. “Special reinforcement had to be done during construction to be able to handle the weight,” says Passanante. The kitchen features a 48-inch Wolf stove, hand-crafted warm white cabinetry and an island and bar made of walnut. The countertops made of Danby marble were honed, making them easier to clean. The island top is made of 2-inch-thick concrete that blends into the cabinetry. “We didn’t want to see a seam in the countertop,” Passanante says. “Trueform Concrete was able to make it into one piece for us. It’s a very useable countertop that contrasted well with the other tops.” The walnut bar also has a concrete top, which marries well with the island. The backsplash is antique Venetian mirror with leaded antique glass. The tall Sub-Zero wine storage unit has refrigerator drawers built into the bottom. There is also a second set of stairs that leads right into the kitchen from the upstairs bedrooms, making this home more functional for the family. ■