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For a young family's newly constructed residence in Needham, Massachusetts, interior designer Nicole Hirsch worked with ART Architects to build out a contemporary yet warm kitchen and breakfast area. "This is a modern and airy home with large black-steel windows, and we chose to use those windows as inspiration for the entire kitchen," says Hirsch. "There's a black-and-white palette throughout the house, but we didn't want a typical stark-white kitchen. Instead of painted cabinets we used a whitewash stain that allows the grain of the wood to show through." In the breakfast area, Hirsch designed a custom Lucite-and-wood table with kid-friendly rounded corners



ABOVE: To keep the kitchen modern but inviting, designer Nicole Hirsch had the cabinets treated with a whitewash stain. The countertops are quartz, and the barstools are from GUBI. **LEFT:** Unused wall space by the ovens allowed for a decorative moment featuring custom black metal shelving.

A Hudson Valley Lighting fixture illuminates the breakfast area with its custom banquette upholstered in navy leather from Osborne & Little and a chair from Burke Decor.



A custom Lucite-and-wood table appears to float in the space.

that's paired with a leather banquette. "We chose a navy leather to infuse a bit of color into the space, while the wood adds warmth," says Hirsch. "And we

didn't want a heavy table base blocking the banquette, hence the Lucite. It's a comfortable, functional space."

EDITOR'S NOTE: For details, see Resources.

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