





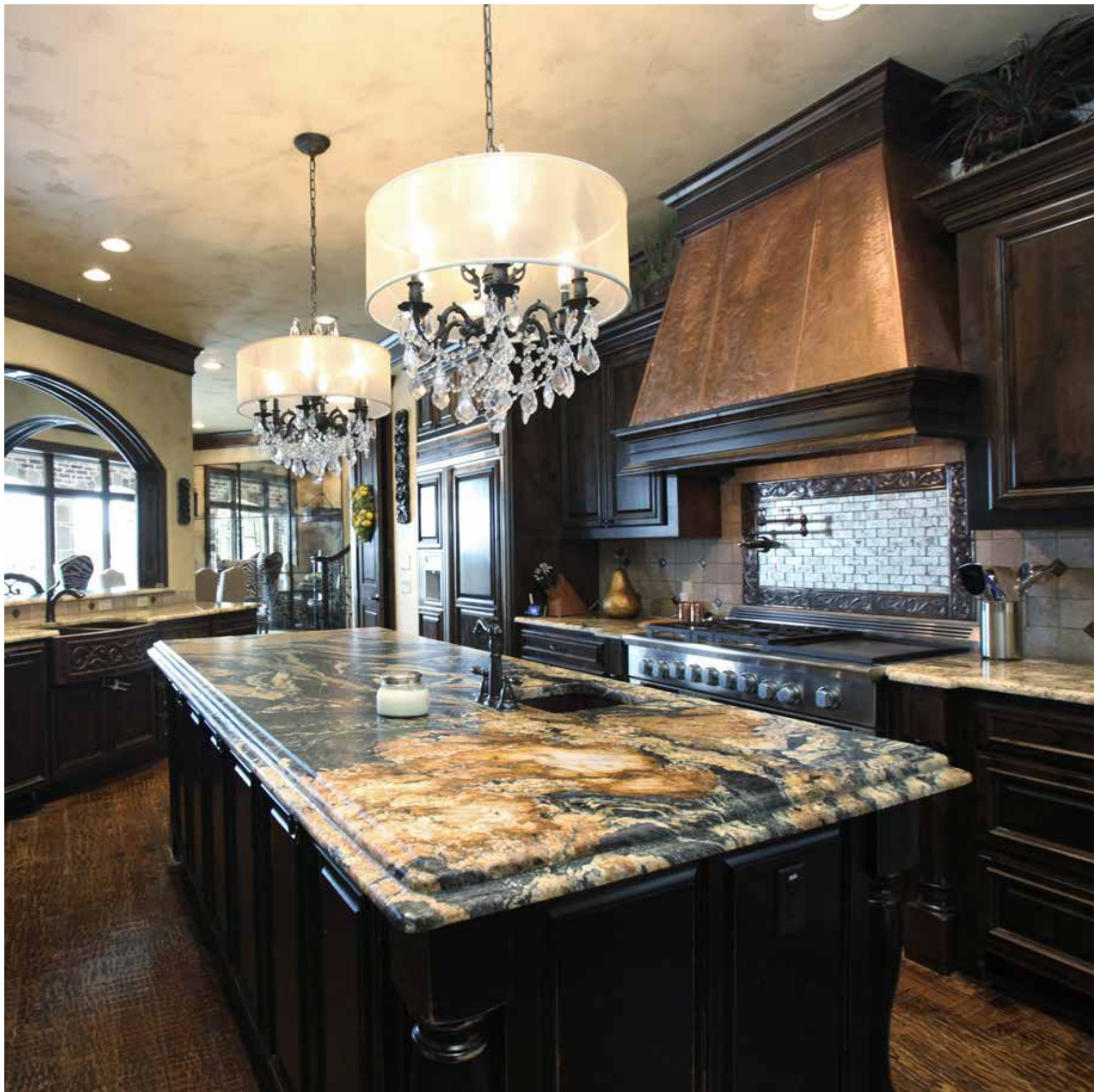
## Couto Homes

When it's done well, you just know.

There's no shortage of homebuilders that will promise to build a beautiful home. Couto Homes builds beautiful homes and—even more impressively—makes the process fun. Couto Homes is a certified master builder, one of fewer than 50 in the entire state. That kind of recognition didn't happen overnight. It's the product of hard work, determination, and the relentless pursuit of perfection by the father-son team of Al and Donny Couto. Treating every project as if it were for their own family, they continue to fine-tune their processes with each home they build, occasionally learning the hard way how to do something even better but always doing whatever it takes to get the job done right. Al and Donny liken the homebuilding process to an invigorating puzzle that begins the moment clients reveal a vague wish list of what they think they want and how they think it might look. Of course, through a series of conversations and planning sessions, the Couto team turns this loose vision into a buildable plan where function and beauty are in perfect harmony. The space comes to life first through detailed three-dimensional renderings that give the future residents an understanding of scale, perspective, and lighting. Once the layout is perfected, the fixtures and finishes are carefully selected to ensure that the home's aesthetic matches the level of quality behind each wall.

LEFT: The homeowners sought a look they had only seen in magazines and online. After extensive thought and an abundance of collaborative work, the timeless design came together offering aesthetic beauty and complete functionality.

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# KITCHEN INSPIRATION

## MOST ECONOMICAL WAY TO MAKE THE BIGGEST IMPACT?

Opt for simple layouts, and allocate the money you save on the eye candy: luxurious materials and fine fixtures.

## HOW DOES A KITCHEN NEED TO FUNCTION?

A good design includes at least one good gathering spot and food prep areas that make the chef's job easy and fun. Kitchens are also important areas for homework and family projects, coming up with new recipes, and baking—don't underestimate how much space baking requires. These varied uses lend themselves to designs that are easy to clean and maintain.



TOP: Family and function meets transitional style. This kitchen proves wonderful for a family gathering and entertaining with an open concept, stunning lighting, inviting paint colors, great use of space and flow and a modern feel to the overall design.

BOTTOM: The homeowner wanted a timeless design that would be beautiful and function as a space where family and friends gather.

FACING PAGE: A perfect expression of personality in this kitchen boasting rich colors and timeless class. From the floor to the ceiling every detail was well thought out and planned for this look. Perfect for so many reasons, function, design, entertaining, the love of cooking and catching up on conversation with family and friends.

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