UDOR HOMES ARE AS FAMOUSLY DARK AND MOODY AS the late-medieval British epoch in which the architecture was born—but that’s just the way the owner of this Montclair, New Jersey, abode likes it. “He’s an old-school guy, so we came up with a men’s club aesthetic,” says his designer, Birgitte Pearce, who is originally from Denmark. “A timeless kitchen doesn’t have to be white!”

The client has a basement workshop “that’s his palace,” Pearce says, and one goal was to bring back the basement stairs. The new stairwell’s line of walnut dowels with brass standoff ended up as muse for the entire remodeling project. Now, the living metal supplies its burnished charms everywhere, from the drawer pulls to the range hood.

Carrying these tones throughout the house allowed the designer to visually connect the adjacent rooms without opening up walls, a move that would have left the Tudor bereft of its inherently boxy appeal. “Not everyone loves an open floor plan. This guy is one of those people,” Pearce says.

Extra-thick Calacatta Viola marble and soapstone countertops cast a storied spell. “In my own kitchen, I have a lot of marble, and it’s honed and has scratches. I embrace that like I would an old French bar that’s been there a hundred years but looks fantastic,” Pearce says. “I try to find ways to bring soul into a kitchen, where you have so many glossy finishes and hard appliances to warm up.”

### The Perfect Finish
Artistic hardware: a simple update with major impact.

- **Hex and Stone Knobs**, made in a variety of finishes, from $20. [ashleynorton.com](http://ashleynorton.com).
- **Niki hardwood and brass knobs**, offered in several finishes, from $25. [designerdoorware.com](http://designerdoorware.com).
- **Nika Knob**, produced in multiple finishes, $16. [homedepot.com](http://homedepot.com).
- **Bamboo Handle** by Eddie Ross. [Wooster Pull](http://woosterpull.com), available in several colors, Aztec Bar Pull by Michelle Nussbaumer, from $52. [addisonweeks.com](http://addisonweeks.com).
- **Contemporary Leather and Metal Recessed Pull**, available in two colors, to the trade. [richelieu.com](http://richelieu.com).
- **Stylish Seating** A banquette in plum leather by [Edelman](http://edelman.com) picks up the subtle purples in the marble’s veins, while a Sub-Zero fridge is tucked behind Waterworks cabinetry with brass hardware. Table: custom by [360 Studio](http://360studio.com); chairs: [O&G Studio](http://ogstudio.com). Sconces and ceiling light: [Urban Electric Co.](http://urbanelectric.com).

### A Nod to the Past
When they took down the wall in the butler’s pantry, Pearce’s team discovered the home’s original dumbwaiter. The gear now makes a handsome piece of eye candy near the espresso bar. Paint: [Fine Paints of Europe](http://finepaintsofeurope.com) Hollandlac satin enamel, color-matched to NCS’s S 5040-R10B.

### Hidden Heaters
Cord stainless steel didn’t jibe with Pearce’s warm antique vision, so microwaves and steam ovens from [Wolf](http://wolf.com) were stashed behind mesh doors by [Waterworks](http://waterworks.com).

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Available in five finishes, from $53. [busterandpunch.us](http://busterandpunch.us).

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