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**SECOND PLACE / LARGE LUXURY KITCHEN**



**Ashley Gossett**  
The Cabinet Gallery at  
H2 Builders, Bluffton, SC  
Photography: Krisztian Lonyai

**Low Country Luxe**

Versatility was the aim for this custom, open-concept kitchen. With a nod to the traditions of South Carolina's Lowcountry, the design is infused with both sophistication and edginess as modern elements (custom Shaker doors and drawers with waterfall-edge countertops) meet traditional Lowcountry design staples (reclaimed wood and shiplap).

While starting from scratch on a new-construction home offers almost limitless potential, accommodating all of the requirements for this kitchen was an ambitious challenge. Space was needed for storage, entertaining, and for operating several appliances at one time, yet designing the kitchen for use by a number of active cooks was the main goal.

The solution: separate the working kitchen from the serving and entertaining area while still creating a cohesive, comfortable environment for all. -K.C.

