

Star Kitchen

Actress and Cooking Channel host Tiffani Thiessen shows us her California kitchen.

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Tiffani Thiessen had no idea when she renovated this Los Angeles kitchen that she'd end up with her own cooking show, but the space was the ideal training ground for her Cooking Channel debut. She has an audience almost every time she cooks here, whether it's friends hanging out during her frequent dinner parties or her daughter, Harper, who turns 5 this month, helping with morning pancakes. "I can get more done when I'm left alone," she says, "but that can be quite boring." The actress, famous for her roles in *Saved by the Bell* and *Beverly Hills 90210* and now host of *Dinner at Tiffani's*, moved into the 1920s house with her actor-painter husband, Brady Smith, in 2004. The kitchen was one of their first projects. She updated the appliances and installed two ovens (for her signature pizzas), then she hit antiques shops and flea markets to bring back some of the vintage charm of the original kitchen. Once Harper joined the mix (baby No. 2 is on the way), Tiffani added a stool so her daughter could reach the counter, plus a set of kids cooking tools. "The more she sees," says Tiffani, "the more curious she is."



Seeing double

Two ovens were a must for Tiffani: She uses them regularly for homemade pizza. She chose a big Sub-Zero refrigerator and freezer so she'd have room for leftovers after her dinner parties.

Recipe corner

"I'm cookbook crazy," Tiffani says. Her latest additions include a handful from Australia—gifts from her Aussie assistant, Vicki.

A good sign

Tiffani's favorite part of the kitchen is a vintage sign that bears her married last name (Smith); she found it at Big Daddy's Antiques. "We actually built those cabinets around that sign," she says.

Beer drawer

The island includes a refrigerated drawer for her husband's craft beer, plus a bottle opener mounted to the butcher block.

Sturdy surfaces

Durable countertops were essential for Tiffani. On her massive custom island she installed both butcher block and black Silestone, where she rolls out pizza dough. "It's the size of a small apartment, but I'd have gone even bigger if I could," she jokes.

HAIR: CREIGHTON BOWMAN; MAKEUP: NICOLE BURG

Turn the page to get Tiffani's look.

Get the Look

Pick up some of Tiffani's finds for your own kitchen.



The **Children's Double Step stool** makes it easy for Tiffani's daughter Harper to play sous chef. \$115; [inaiinaiba.etsy.com](#)



This **rustic bottle opener** looks just like the one attached to the family's butcher block counter. \$8; [robsrustics.etsy.com](#)



Tiffani reaches for her **Global knives** every day. She stores them in one of two **bamboo box knife holders**. Knives, \$230, and shears, \$100; [surlatable.com](#)
Knife holder, \$98; [vivaterra.com](#)

STEP STOOL, BOTTLE OPENER, KNIVES AND KNIFE HOLDER, AND SIGN: BEN GOLDSTEIN/STUDIO D.



This kitchen looks extra bright thanks to a wall of windows and three **Harmon pendants** over the island. From \$409; [restorationhardware.com](#)



Tiffani's "Smith" sign is vintage, but this **custom distressed sign** looks similar. From \$46; [theliztonsignshop.etsy.com](#)



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