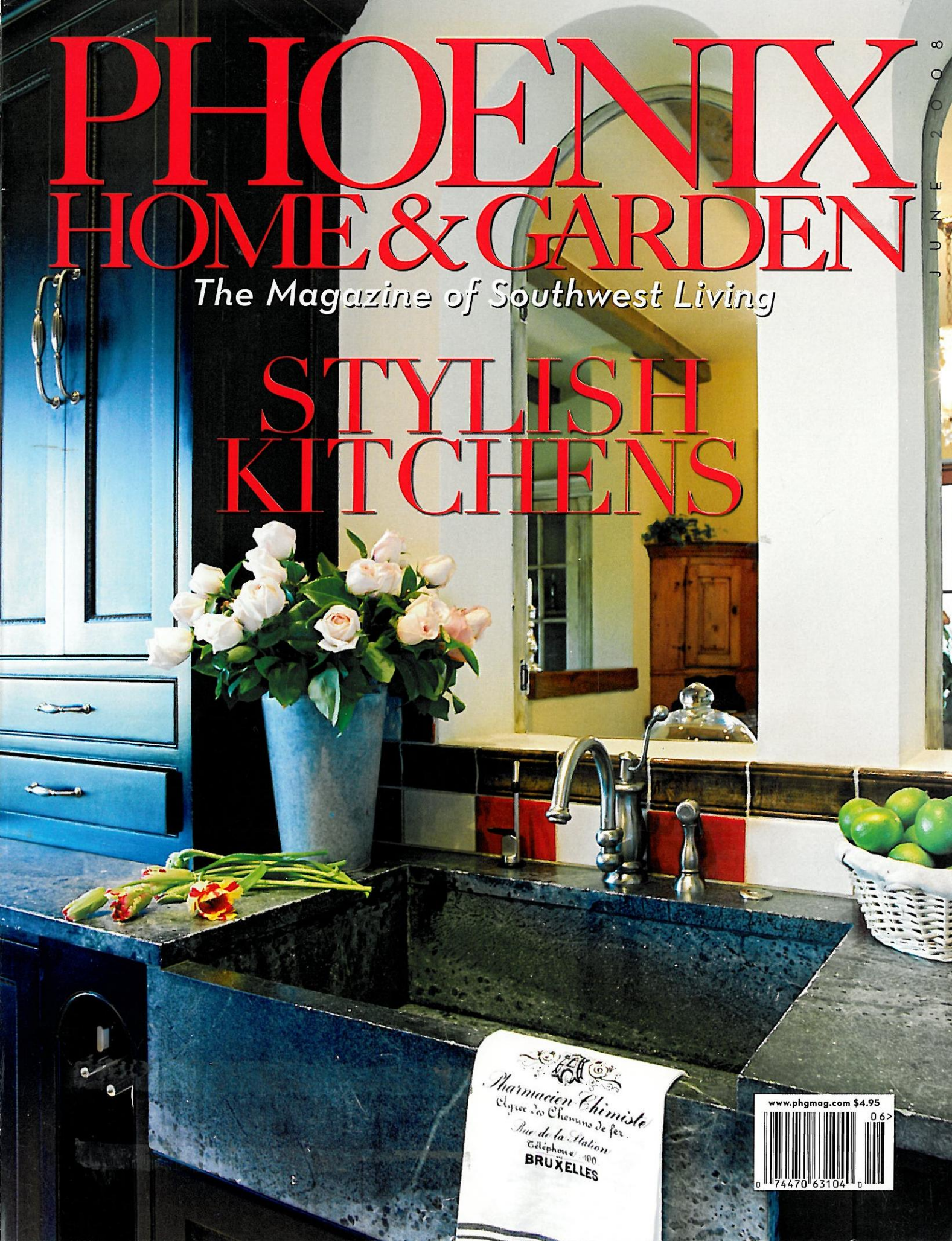


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# CHECK IT OUT

A bit of Europe made a gentle landing in the kitchen of a Paradise Valley, Arizona, home. The lady of the house wanted the room to reflect an ambience not unlike that of a rural European farmhouse. "Cozy and intimate" and "warm and homey" were high on the wish list that she and her husband passed on to builder Nancy Brunkhorst and interior designer Debra Phelps. Mixing unexpected materials and up-to-date technology, the team translated the couple's requests into a setting that spells c-h-a-r-m-i-n-g in any language. ▣

TEXT BY ROBERTA LANDMAN ■ PHOTOGRAPHY BY WERNER SEGARRA

\* A PAIR OF ARCHED AND SHUTTERED INTERIOR "WINDOWS" BETWEEN THE BREAKFAST NOOK AND KITCHEN CREATES A HANDY PASS-THROUGH AND ALSO FULFILLS THE HOME-OWNERS' DESIRE THAT THE KITCHEN NOT APPEAR COMPLETELY ENCLOSED.





\* ON THE KITCHEN SIDE OF THE PASS-THROUGH OPENINGS, COUNTERTOPS AND AN APRON-FRONT SINK ARE OF NATURAL SOAPSTONE. TRADITIONAL-STYLE CUSTOM WOOD CABINETS THAT ARE PAINTED BLACK CONTRAST WITH THE HONEY-COLOR WOOD OF THE ISLAND.




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\* WITH ITS FANCIFUL SWIRLS, THIS FRENCH BAKER'S RACK IS LIKE THOSE USED YEARS AGO FOR COOLING BREAD AND PASTRIES. HERE, THE PIECE PUTS KITCHENWARE WITHIN EASY REACH.





\* A PITCHED-BEAM CEILING  
ADDS RUSTIC CHARM.

\* A WIDE PLASTERED STOVE  
HOOD SURROUND OFFERS  
DISPLAY AREAS FOR  
DECORATIVE ITEMS.

THE BACKSPLASH  
IS COMPOSED  
OF RED AND WHITE  
CERAMIC TILES  
AND SMALL PIG-  
MOTIF DECOS.

\* A GALVANIZED STEEL-  
TOPPED ISLAND FEATURES  
A PREP SINK AND CABI-  
NETS FOR STORAGE. "THE  
TOP GETS A PATINA THE  
MORE YOU USE IT," NOTES  
THE LADY OF THE HOUSE.

See Sources.