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City Lights Detroit
pendant; CAI Designs
counter stools.

The heart of the kitchen is a 10-foot organically hued island with custom brass-capped legs that blends seamlessly with the adjoining living room.

PRIMARY FUNCTION

After discussing the direction of the project with her clients, Rodriguez started with the kitchen cabinetry. “It was a full renovation, so we always start with the cabinet layout and function first,” she says. Beginning in this way gives her a chance to build a relationship with her clients and to get to know them better.

The heart of the kitchen is the coveted green island. The soft, sage green furniture-like piece is topped in quartzite and serves as a focal point in the space. The same quartzite extends to the backsplash above the range, and Rodriguez designed a pair of niches to store oft-used spices and oils for Pavlina, who is an avid cook. It’s representative of how the designer takes the time to get to know her clients and how they use their spaces. “I’m really curious,” she says. “I want to know where the spices go and all the little oddities of each home. It’s those seemingly insignificant, unique details that I really enjoy bringing out and getting right for my clients.”