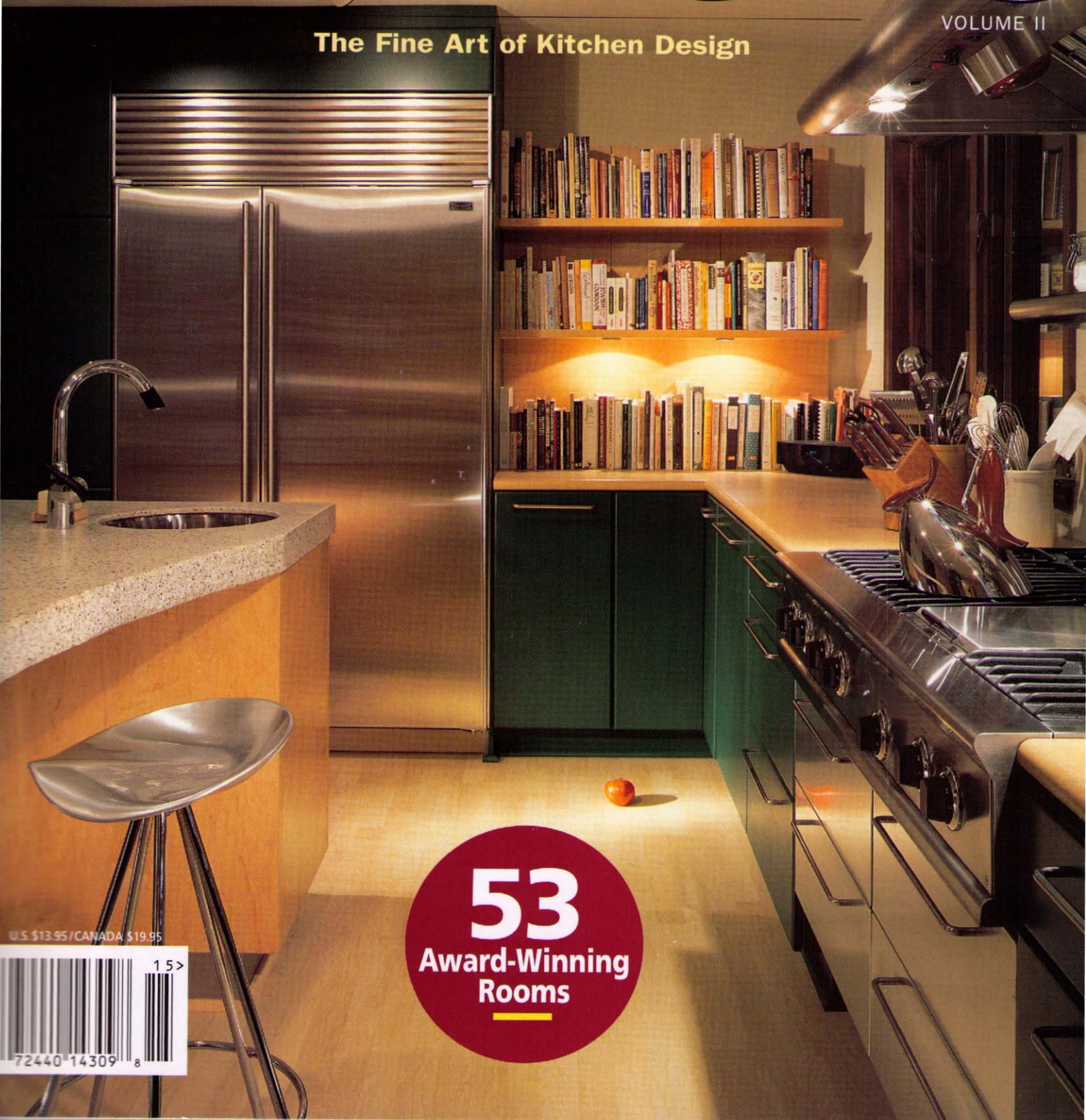


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*cool ideas!*

- pullout pantries
- angled island
- built-in wine storage
- top-hinged cabinets

## splendor **in the** **glass**

■ Plain with no personality was how the homeowners summed up the kitchen of their Arkansas home before it was remodeled. The couple, who enjoy cooking together, felt their all-white kitchen was simply “too cold” and inadequate to suit their needs. And it definitely didn’t fit in with the contemporary interior design scheme of the rest of their one-level home.

Moreover, since the kitchen was literally and figuratively at the center of their house, the owners wanted it to be an inviting space for the family, which includes a 10-year-old daughter, as well as their many guests. “We often entertain 14 to 16 people at a time,” says one homeowner, “and the party always ends up in the kitchen.”

What they had in mind, they told Andi Stephens, a kitchen planning consultant with Kitchen Distributors, in Fayetteville, was a room that was warmer than the existing space. They also wished to trade up from their 48-inch side-by-side refrigerator-freezer and have a place to store their extensive wine collection. Finally, they wanted to



**Opposite:** Polished marble floors, Brookhaven maple cabinets by Wood-Mode and gleaming stainless steel give this kitchen its contemporary edge. A door in the wall of windows leads to the pool area. A trio of glass sculptures hangs on the wall. **Above:** Opposite the range and microwave, the cleanup station features undermount stainless-steel sinks, a trash compactor and dishwasher.