



Martha Stewart Kitchen Renovation

No, we can't all be Martha Stewart, but nobody knows that better than the kitchen wizard herself. Which is why she recommends **St. Charles of New York** (150 E. 58th St.; 838-2812) for renovations. For Stewart, the kitchen is the most important room in the nineties house—it's gathering place, workplace, eating place. "It doesn't just involve kitchen design," says Stewart, who works out of four kitchens—one in New York, two in Westport, another in East Hampton. St. Charles, she says, designed the cabinets for her favorite—the test kitchen in the offices of *Martha Stewart Living*. Before you head to St. Charles, have a few ideas in mind. Scout the Bowery for restaurant supplies and check out medical-supply

stores (she used **Arista Surgical**, 67 Lexington Ave., at 25th St.; 679-3694). "They have incredibly useful things," she says, "but I especially love those wonderful metal sinks that are foot-pedal-operated." As far as appliances go, check out the local gas company. "They have floor samples of all the latest models of gas-fueled equipment." For flooring, go to **Tiles: A Refined Selection** (42 W. 15th St.; 255-4450). And don't scrimp on cabinetry.

Martha also believes every kitchen needs a grill, preferably a restaurant grill—"one that really cooks. I like grilled food to have those crisscrosses. You know what I mean?"

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