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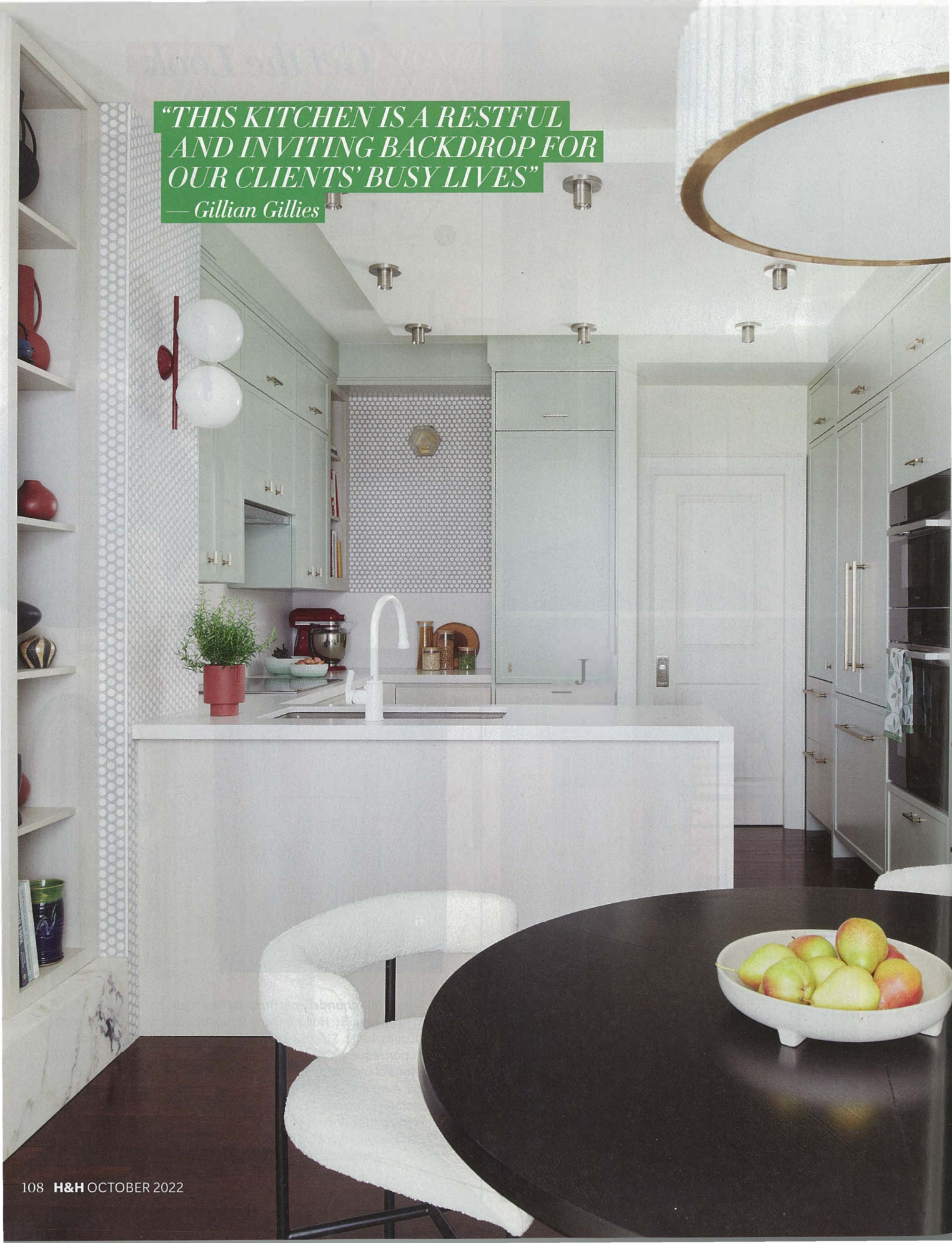
**THE NEW
PASTEL
KITCHEN**

Plus

**Bonnie Stern's
Amazing Almond Cake**

*"THIS KITCHEN IS A RESTFUL
AND INVITING BACKDROP FOR
OUR CLIENTS' BUSY LIVES"*

— Gillian Gillies



RIGHT: "Marjorie and I share a love of texture, pattern and whimsy, and penny-round tile ticked all the right boxes," says Gillian. **Penny-round tile**, Cercan Tile; **faucet** by The Rubinet Faucet Company, Roman Bath Centre; **sink**, Kohler.

OPPOSITE: Gillian used hard-wearing white oak laminate for the high-traffic lowers and painted the uppers sage green. The counters are ultradurable in quartz. **Counters**, Cambria; **laminate**, Weston Premium Woods; **upper cabinet colour**, Cromarty (285), Farrow & Ball.



Designer
Gillian Gillies.



LOOK TWO: Transitional Sage

THE BACKSTORY: "There was so much laughter in this project," says designer Gillian Gillies from her clients' condo kitchen, which is as lively as the couple themselves. The owners, Helmut Engels and Marjorie Bain, had lived in Toronto's Summerhill neighbourhood for 13 years before deciding to renovate. "In a condo, storage space is at a premium and, as retired seniors, we wanted to age in place," says Marjorie. "We needed our kitchen to be more functional and user-friendly."

Their contractors recommended Gillian for the project. "Her love of colour and texture really spoke to my heart," says

Marjorie. Taking inspiration from their art and Murano glass collection, Gillian proposed a subtle sage green for the upper cabinets. "It was important that we added unique elements and finishes," she says. Gillian also chose a white kitchen faucet, mocha cast-iron sink and penny-round tile for the walls. "This kitchen exudes my clients' personalities and, to me, that's a reflection of a great design partnership." Clever cabinet inserts optimize kitchen organization and deep pullout drawers in place of lower cupboards make reaching contents easier. "Now we have more storage without giving up living space," says Marjorie.



r A ELEMENTS OF THE LOOK

- Sage green painted wood cabinets
- Durable white oak textured laminate lowers
- Integrated appliances for a streamlined look in a compact space
- Playful penny-round tile
- White metal and mocha cast-iron finishes
- Shelves for displaying accessories and glassware

LEFT: The panelled fridge makes the compact 10- by 12-foot kitchen feel larger. **Appliances** by Miele, Tosco Appliances. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The kitchen millwork extends into the dining area, where a favourite painting by Richard Riverin is displayed. **Grasscloth** by S Harris, Designers Gallery Showroom; **dining chairs**, Mkt; **hardware**, Emtek; **art** by Richard Riverin, Harbour Gallery.

"WE USED FARROW & BALL'S CROMARTY, A PERFECT SAGE GREEN" — Gillian Gillies



ABOVE: Lower cabinet inserts and drawers provide plenty of storage and make reaching for dishes easier.





ABOVE: Tucked into the corner, compact open shelving is the perfect place for cookbooks.
BELOW: A built-in niche displays vases, teapots and vessels. **Sconce, F/los.**



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Upper cabinet colour, Cromarty (285), Farrow & Ball.