

HER MOM HELPED DECORATE

Samantha's mother helped choose the fabrics, while Samantha picked out the custom furniture for the rooms.



"I love my kitchen—it's my favorite room in the house."

—Samantha Harris

COUTURE CABINETRY

Samantha says her cabinets are stylish and fresh, but "with a vintage, weathered look to them."

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FAMILY COMES FIRST

With a new baby, a loving husband and a beautiful LA home, *ET* correspondent Samantha Harris is happier than ever

Entertainment Weekly's Samantha Harris is used to breaking news and turning up the heat on the celebs she interviews on her top-rated show, but when she's home in the kitchen of her beautiful new LA abode, she's far more interested in breaking eggs and turning up the heat on her high-end oven.

"I love my stove. My range is great because it has a griddle in the middle. I can make pancakes or French toast on the weekends for my family, which is a lot of fun," says Samantha, 37, as

she preps a salad on the center island of the kitchen she describes as the heart of the six-bedroom, 7,000-square-foot home she moved into a little more than a year ago.

"We cook here, we do art projects here and we eat breakfast and dinner as a family here," she tells *ET*. "To me, that's the most important thing." The former *Dancing With the Stars* co-host says she loves to bake and often whips up cupcakes, sponge cakes and cookies, usually with daughter Joscelyn, 3, by her side. "She has her spatula and I have mine," she





SO HAPPY TOGETHER

Samantha says she loves spending time with her family, "cuddled together, reading books."



HILLARY'S NURSERY

Working with Katy Milmer, designer for Caden Lane (cadenlane.com), Samantha commissioned a mural and furniture from Young America for her kids' rooms.

laughs. Samantha, who gave birth to her second daughter, Hillary, in January, says she and husband Michael Hess, a businessman, spent months scouring LA for the perfect spot for their growing family. "We wanted to find a place that had room for a swing set and a pool," she says, adding that the moment they toured their future Mediterranean-style home, they were immediately smitten with its suburban charms. "We have a 200-year-old tree in the backyard. You don't get that much in LA."

Since settling in, the couple has added their own personal touches, including transforming a screening room to do double-duty as an office, and re-purposing a cedar closet into a recording studio. But perhaps the biggest alteration was converting their formal living room into something far more useful — a two-story kids' playroom. "I know it's kind of silly," says Samantha, "but it's great!"

