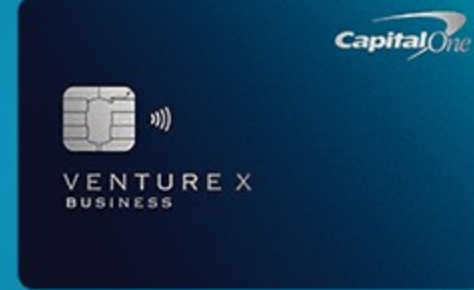





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# 45 Kitchen Lighting Ideas to Brighten Your Space in Style

Ranging from modern to farmhouse, find the best lighting fixtures for your layout.

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The kitchen is considered the "heart of the home" for a reason — it's the central gathering place for family and friends, plus it's where you spend hours preparing and enjoying your favorite meals. Not only can lighting completely [transform a kitchen design](#), but choosing the right fixtures make food prep, cooking and cleaning much easier. Whether you've got a [small kitchen setup](#) or spacious open-concept layout, we've rounded up [kitchen lighting ideas](#) for every home size and style.

From ornamental pendants to unobtrusive track lighting, the options for kitchen [light fixtures](#) are endless. Think striking chandeliers over the kitchen island, sleek wall sconces above shelving and retro-inspired flush mounts (a great option for low ceilings). No matter if your style is modern, country, industrial or minimal, we've found lighting ideas that will add personality to your space. And don't be afraid to let lighting be your focal point — especially with [fixtures over the kitchen island](#).

As with any interior, it's important to layer lighting in the kitchen — which means using multiple light fixtures to ensure a balanced, well-lit room. Use **ambient lighting**, like chandeliers or flush mounts, as the kitchen's primary light source. Employ **task lighting** like LED strips under uppers cabinets to illuminate your cooking space. Next, incorporate **accent lights**, like picture lights or wall sconces. Don't worry: If you're not sure where to start, steal inspiration from these stylish kitchens that prioritize proper lighting.



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## Chrome Flush Mounts

Although flat to the ceiling, these shiny silver fixtures draw attention, while adding a subtle retro style to this kitchen layout. Here, [Daniel House Co.](#) goes for a chrome faucet and stainless steel appliances to tie the space together.



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## Linear Lighting

To illuminate this modern kitchen island, Diana Pauro of [Rebel Builders](#) hangs an eye-catching brass pendant light. Meanwhile, LED strips under the wooden shelves ensure a bright prep station.

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## Minimalist Bell Pendants

With two simple-bell shaped white pendants, [Maren Baker Design](#) gives this industrial kitchen a touch of modern Scandinavian style.

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### Matte Black Details



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Layer in black accents to create contrast in an all-white kitchen, just as [Kozy Kasa Design](#) does here with matte black pendants over the island and a circular chandelier above the dining space.

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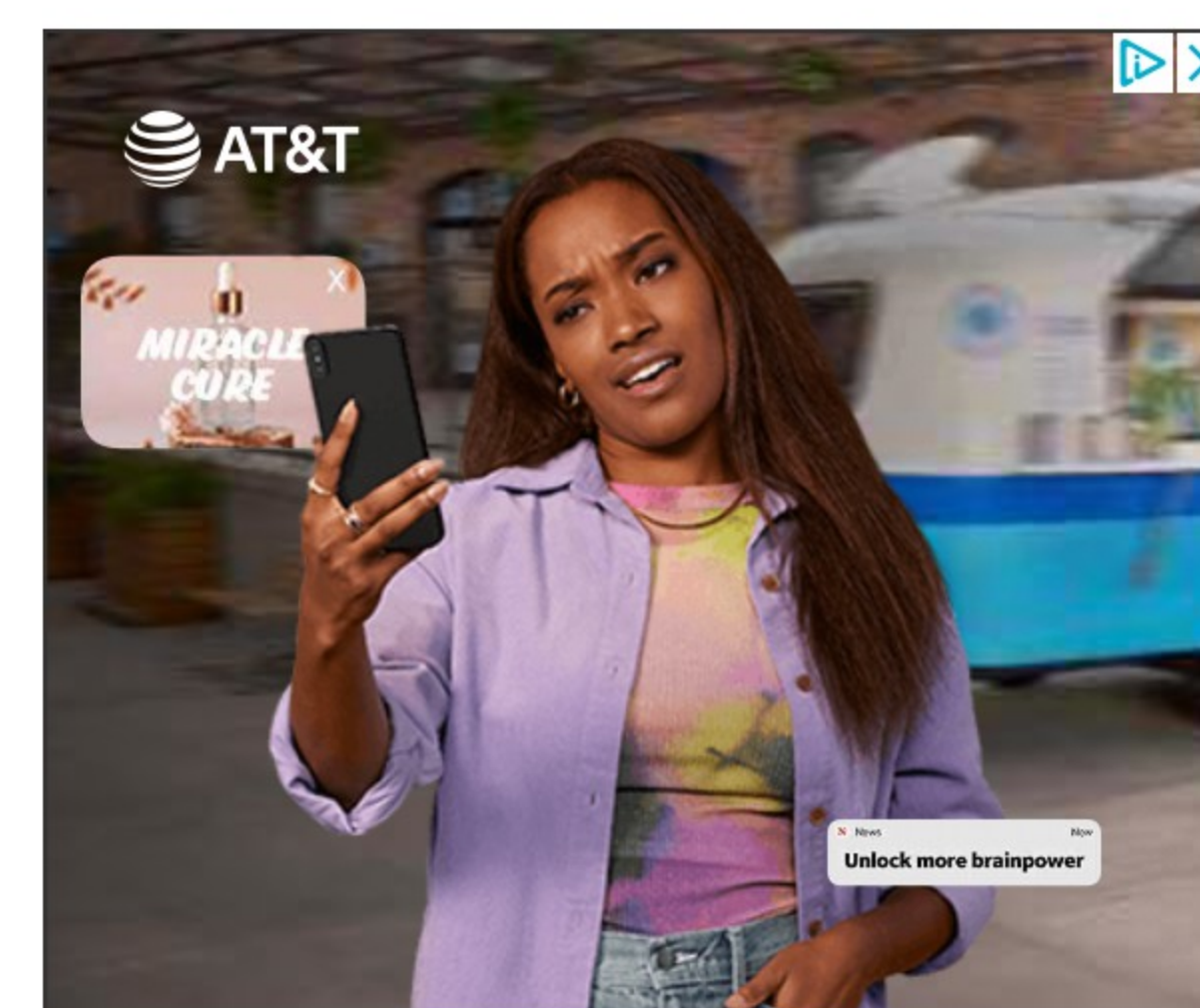
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### Hanging Globes

In this mid-century modern kitchen designed by [Unique Kitchen & Baths](#), globe pendants complement the gold cabinet hardware and textured range hood.

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## Simple Sconce

Install a classic sconce onto the side of your cabinet to help illuminate your prep station — ideal for washing dishes or cooking in the evening. Designer [Caroline Kopp](#) goes for a white shade, which blends seamlessly with the cabinet color.

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## Artistic Chandelier

With a dramatic black chandelier, design and build firm [Forge & Bow](#) allows lighting to act as the centerpiece of this modern kitchen.

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## Glam Geometric Pendants

Brass details are the star of the show in this light-filled kitchen by designer [Heather Lucas](#) — from the geometric pendants to the cabinet hardware and kitchen faucet.

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## Industrial Glass Globes

Take note from [Bianca Ecklund Design](#) and mix modern with industrial. Layer in chic industrial accents, like these glass globes suspended from vintage-inspired hardware.

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## Colorful Lanterns



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Bring in soothing shades of color — like light green — in the form of lantern pendants and seat cushions, just as [Marian Louise Design](#) does in this otherwise neutral kitchen.

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## Single-Arm Wall Sconces

Sleek black sconces look beautiful hung above floating shelves, plus they help illuminate the sink and counter below. Here, [Daley Home](#) isn't afraid to install the fixtures directly into the tile backsplash.

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## Starburst Lighting

Guaranteed to strike up conversation, three starburst light fixtures double as art when hung over the kitchen island in this coastal kitchen by designer [Dana Schwartz](#).

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## Hanging Fabric Shades

These gold fixtures draw the eye upwards, adding instant style to an otherwise minimalist kitchen cued up by [Meredith Owen Interiors](#).

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## Simple Sconces Over the Sink

Possibly the best place for sconces in the kitchen will be above the kitchen sink. Here, [Collected Interiors](#) installs a uniform set of three chrome sconces.

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## Mix and Match



LINDSAY BROWN

To guarantee a well-lit interior, it's best to layer your lighting sources. Think pendants over the kitchen island and sconces on the walls above cabinets. Take note from [Cedar & Oak](#) and don't fear mixing metals, too.

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## Splash of Yellow

Brighten up your space with sunny yellow pendant lights, which [Mottram Architecture](#) pairs with vibrant blue lower cabinets for a playful style.

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## Beaded Chandeliers

Here, [Nesting Place Interiors](#) adds a dose of texture with two beaded chandeliers over this expansive kitchen island.

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## Clear Glass Lighting

Keep it modern and minimal with clear glass pendants, which [ATX Interior Design](#) hangs high above this bright white kitchen island.

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## Large Black Domes

Opt for dark and moody fixtures, like these matte black dome pendants. Here, [House of One](#) uses them for contrast in an otherwise neutral interior.

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## Natural Weave

Whether you love coastal style or you're looking for a unique way to infuse an interior with texture, rattan pendants are the answer. Take inspiration from [ATX Interior Design](#) and hang three over the island.

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## Sleek Track Lighting

Track lighting is functional and flexible — most have movable track heads, so you can adjust them as needed. By keeping it simple with lighting, [BarnesVanze Architects](#) allows the green cabinetry and marble countertops to take center stage.

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## Black and Gold Lighting

If you're thinking about mixing metals, know that black and gold are a timeless combination. We love how Kristin Harrison of [Bungalow 10 Interiors](#) pairs gold picture lights with black and gold pendants.

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## Gold Globe Pendants

For a sleek mid-century modern-inspired kitchen, [Brian Watford](#) suspends a trio of glass globe pendant lights above a marble-topped kitchen island.



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## Pop of Red

Red pendants lend the perfect amount of vibrancy to this coral kitchen designed by [Elizabeth Drake](#).



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## Gorgeous Gold



In this sophisticated kitchen designed by [Beth Webb](#), industrial-inspired gold pendants blend seamlessly with a mosaic backsplash and weathered wood island.

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## Funky Navy Pendants

From the geometric wallpaper and checkered flooring to the bold blue pendants, playfulness is on full display in this ultra-patterned kitchen designed by [Bachman Brown](#).





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## Oversized Black Pendants

Industrial black dome pendants, partnered with slate blue cabinets, make this kitchen designed by [KitchenLab Interiors](#) feel both sleek and chic.

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## Modern Wall Sconces



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The navy blue and gold-accented island steals the show in this sun-filled kitchen designed by [Creative Tonic](#), while a quintuplet of sconces provide directed countertop light.

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## Vintage Lanterns

Old-fashioned hanging lanterns impose Victorian-esque charm in this sunny and airy kitchen teed up by [Dodson Interiors](#).



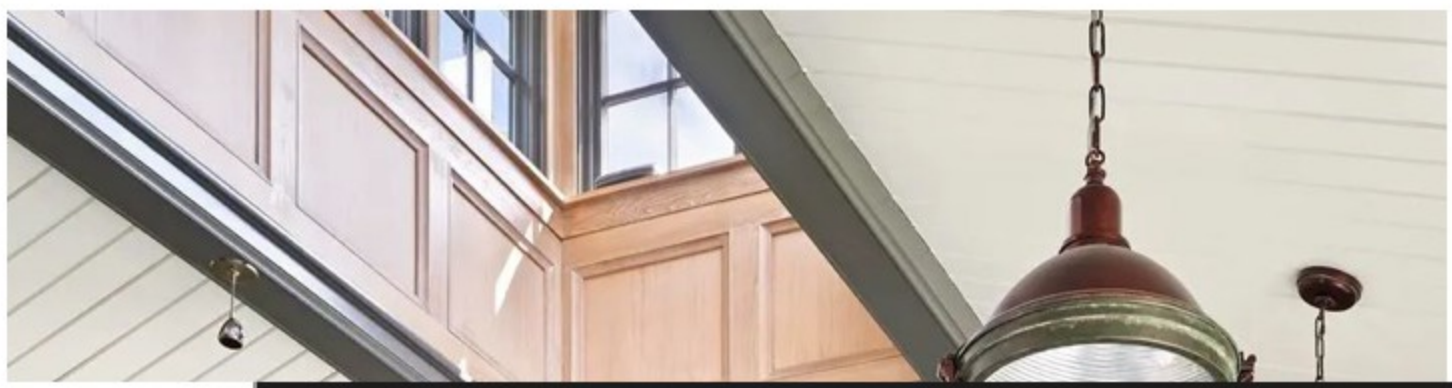
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## Double-Duty Lighting

In this kitchen crafted by [Douglas C. Wright](#), a shaded pendant illuminates the wood kitchen island, while a gold picture light sheds light on a book-filled hutch.

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## Industrial Copper Pendants

Although the skylight and arched floor-to-ceiling windows bring in plenty of light, industrial pendants and a massive orb chandelier elevate the style in this airy kitchen designed by [James Thomas](#).

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## White and Gold Lighting

A Sputnik-inspired chandelier adds a touch of modernism to this otherwise provincial-style space designed by [Christina Nielsen](#).



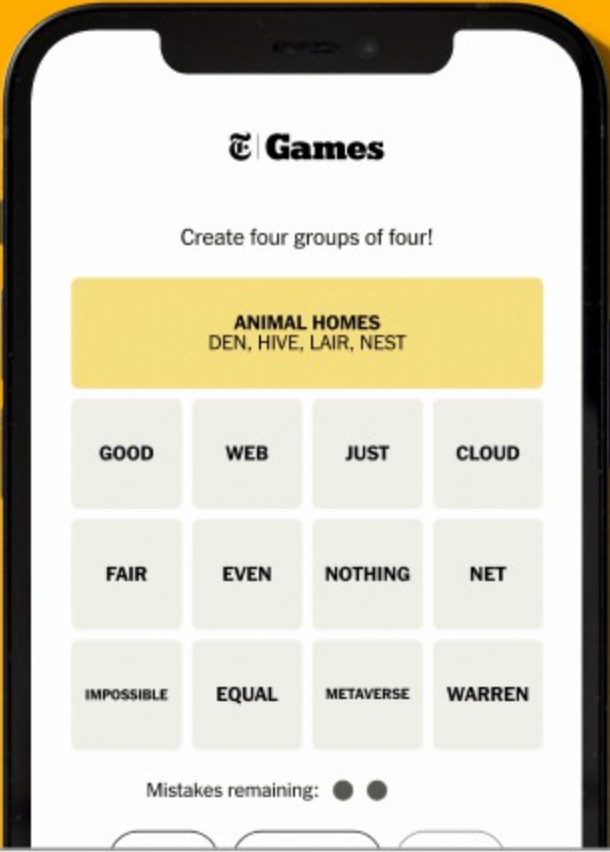
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## Brass Keystone Chandelier

Playing up a farmhouse aesthetic, designer [Suzanne Kasler](#) hangs a brass candelabra-style chandelier from the exposed wood ceiling.

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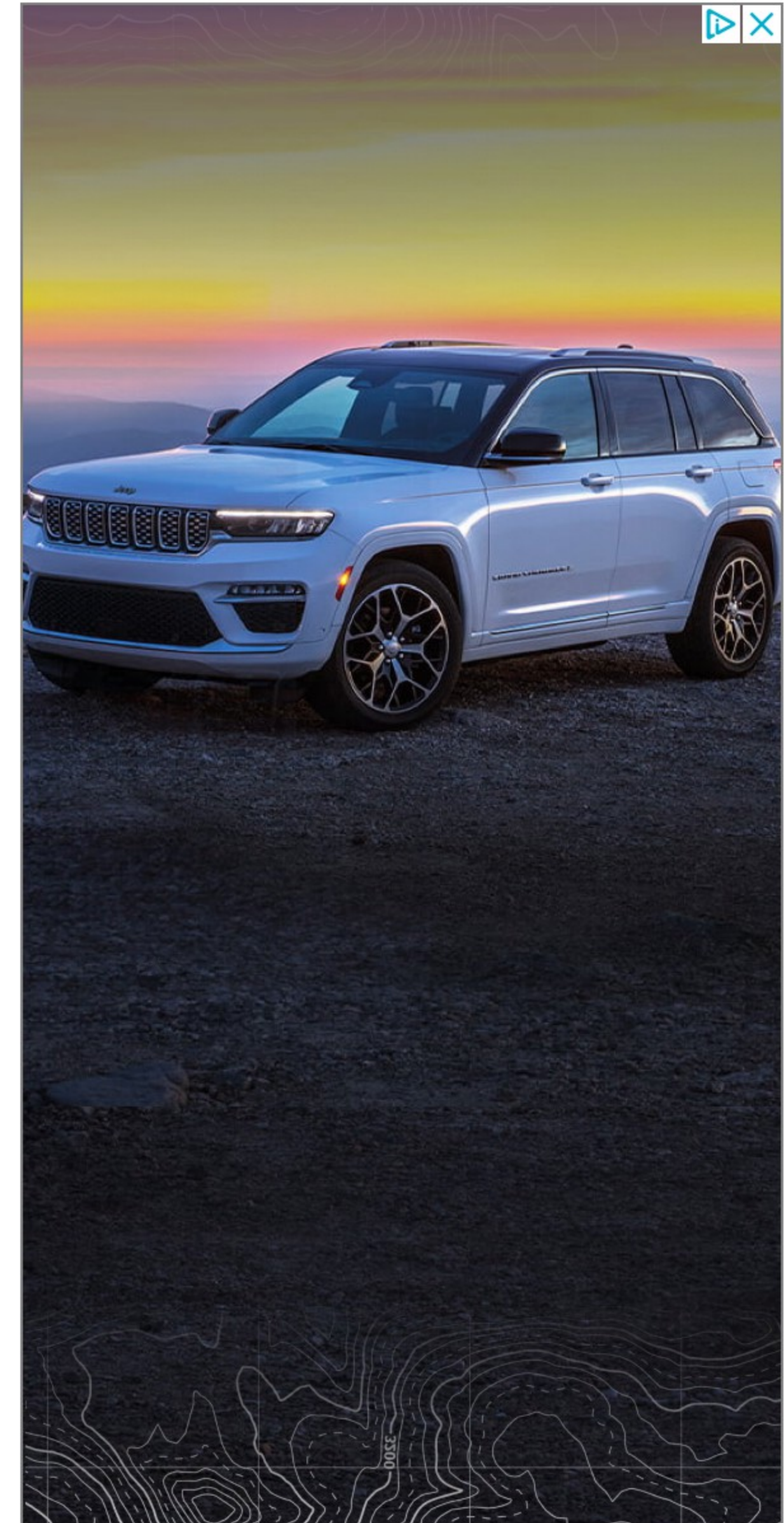
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### Playful in Pink

A spunky color palette and playful striped pendants energize this kitchen designed by [Ayromloo Design](#).



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### The Rule of Three

Symmetry is the name of the game for this kitchen designed by [Nate Berkus](#). Three opaline globe pendants perfectly balance the island's six bar stools.



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### Pendants Lead the Way

A pair of steel-encased globe pendants provide ample light in this cheery galley kitchen designed by [Chandos Interiors](#).



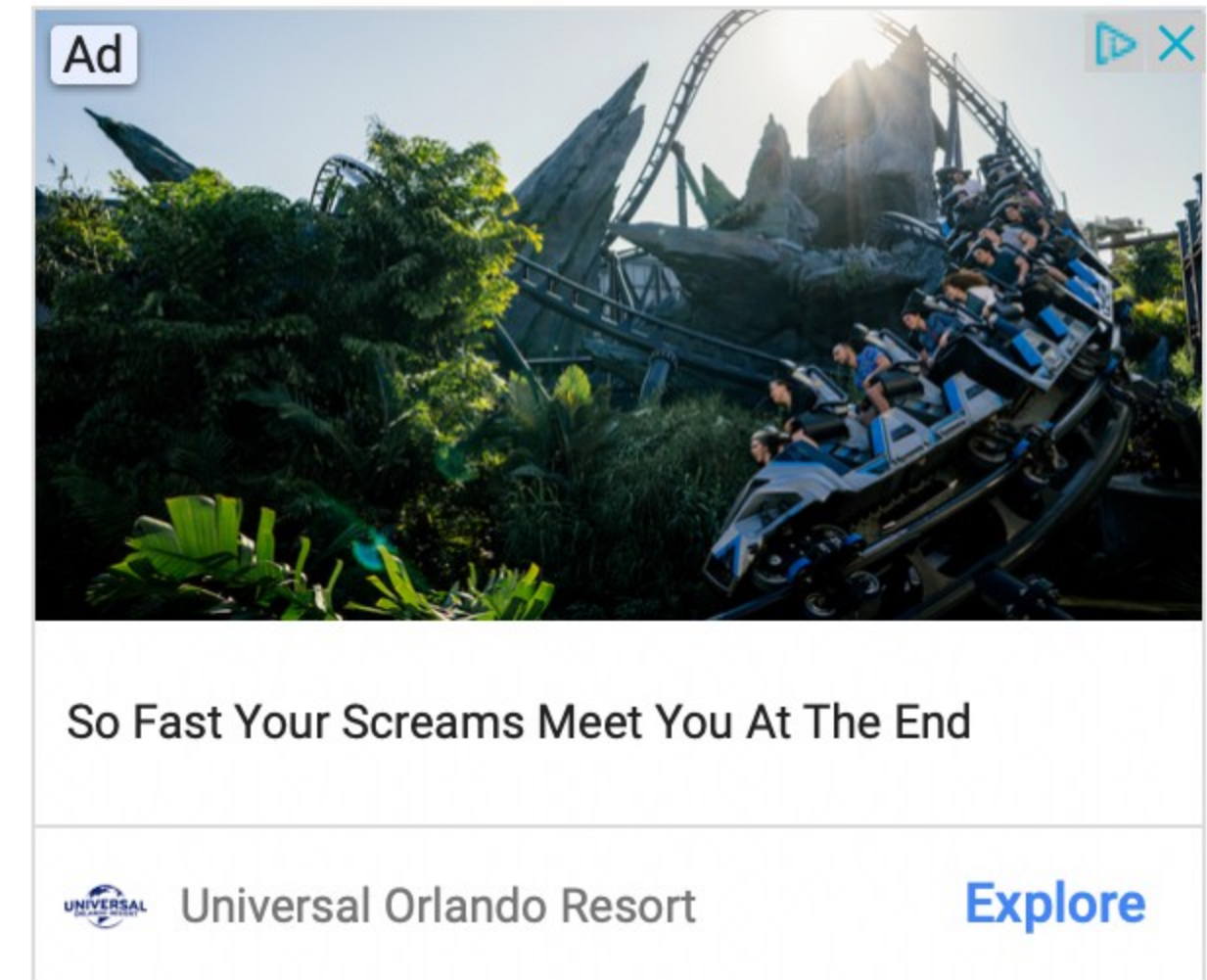


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## Dreamy Drums

Two conical canvas drum pendants bring a uniquely industrialist touch to this kitchen designed by [M. Elle Design](#). The oversized light fixtures also pair perfectly with the exposed wood ceiling.



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## Raindrop Chandelier



TONY SOLURI

In this calming kitchen by Lisa Berman of [Studio Gutow](#), opaque flush mounts and a bulb-style chandelier recall water droplets falling from the sky.

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## Glint of Gold

A gold dome pendant glistens against the background of weighty, navy-gray cabinetry in this kitchen designed by [Laurie Blumenfeld](#).

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## Oyster Shell Chandelier



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A chandelier made of seashells lends a whimsical note to this kitchen designed by [Kakar House of Design](#).

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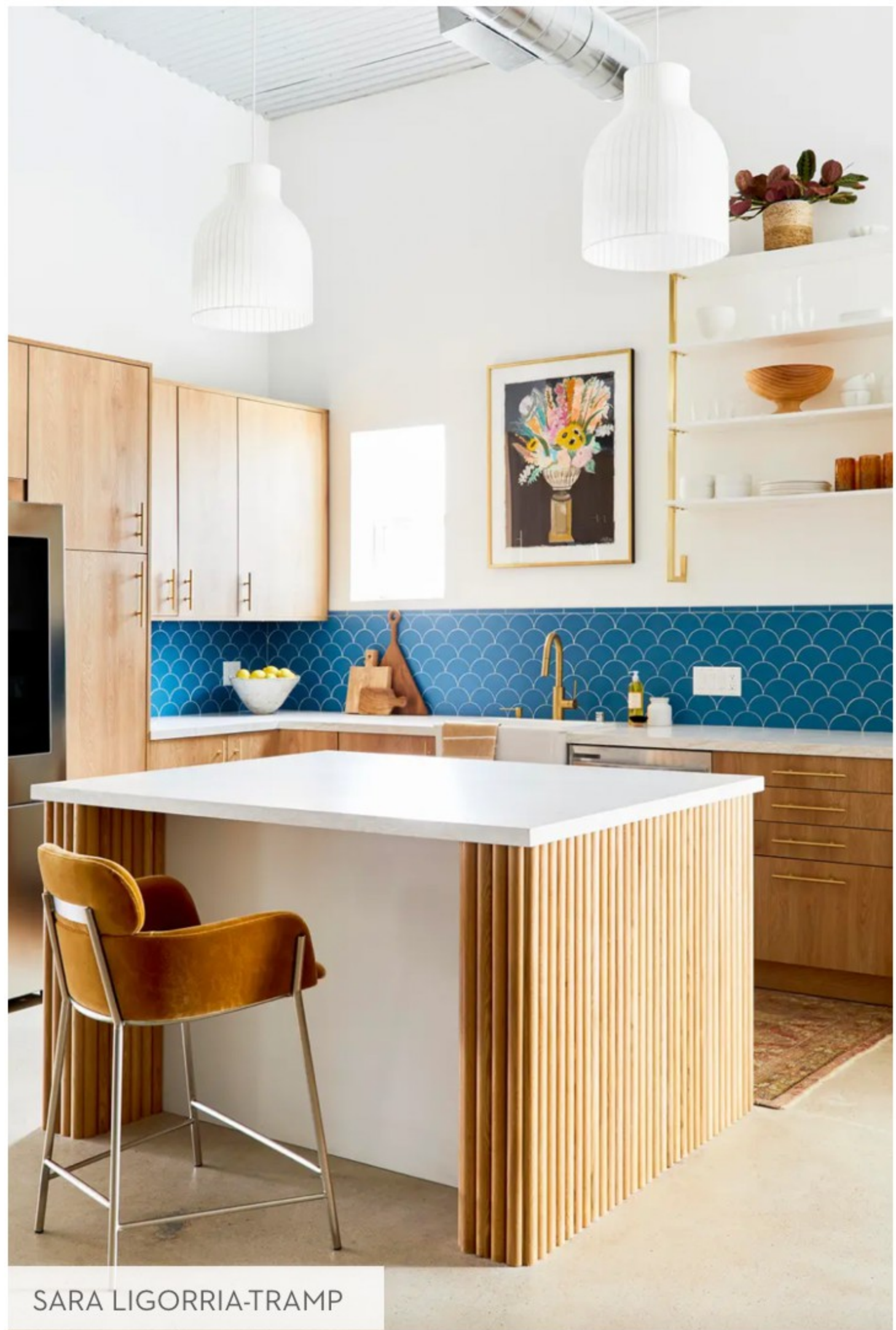


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## Geometric Fixtures

Prism-shaped light fixtures steal the show in this kitchen-slash-dining room crafted by designer [Kati Curtis](#).



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## Crisp White Pendants

Sleek white pendant lights let the bamboo-bedecked island and punchy blue backsplash take center stage in this modern kitchen teed up by L.A.-based firm [Murphy Design](#).

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## Drum Drama

A matte black drum pendant adds intrigue to this crisp, contemporary kitchen by designer [Lori Gilder](#).



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## Cylindrical Brass Lighting

To brighten up this moody blue kitchen, designer [Nadia Palacios](#) employs a pair of cylindrical brass pendants.

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## Sputnik Style



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Paying testament to the power of green and gold, designer [Crystal Blackshaw](#) selects an amber sputnik globe chandelier for this convivial kitchen.

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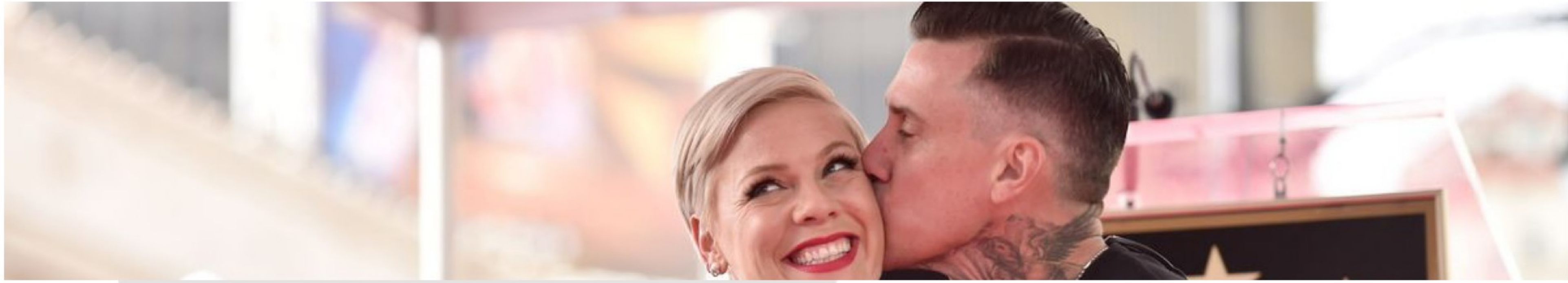
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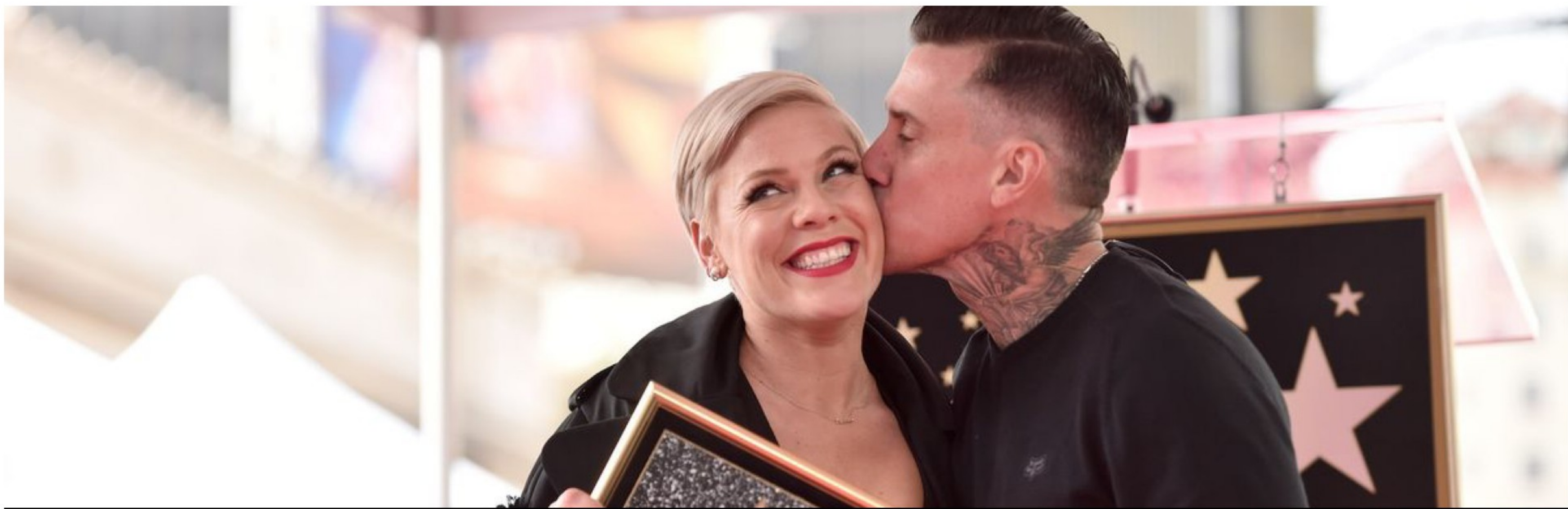
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