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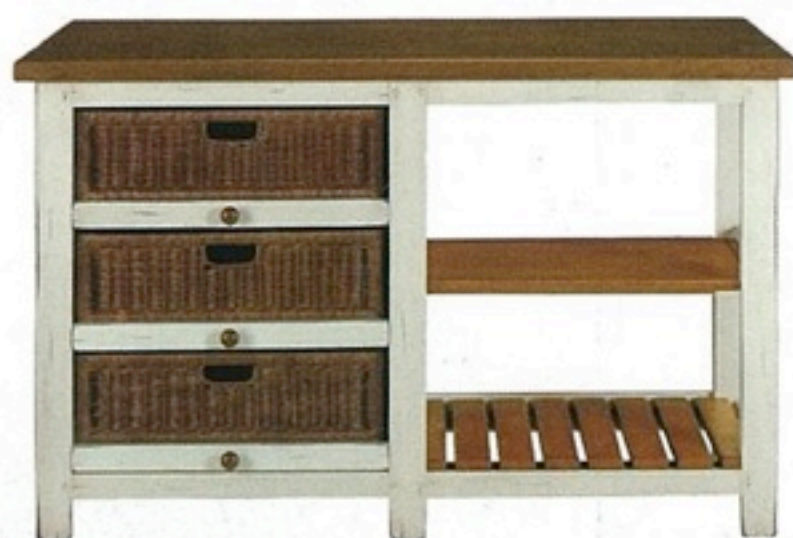
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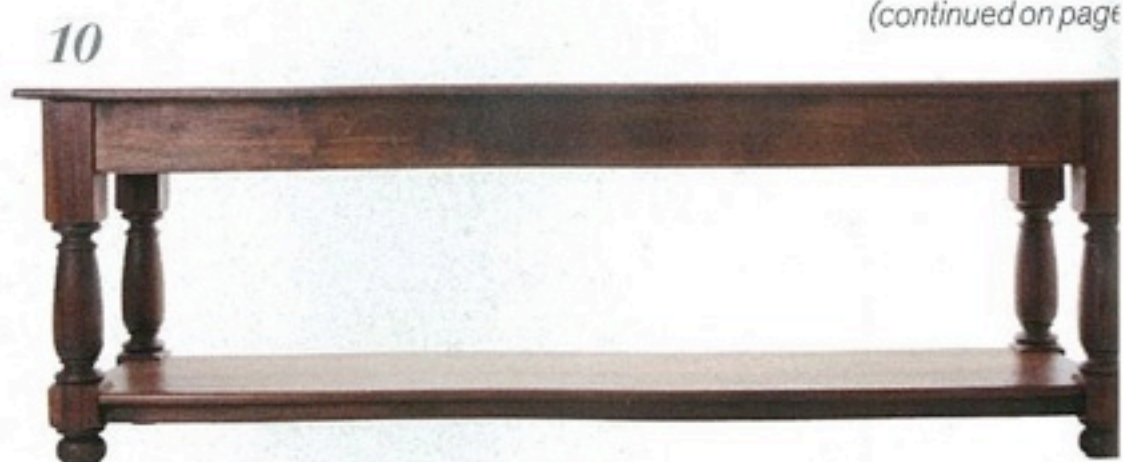


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1. **LA CORNUE** Elegant and elemental minimalism. *W*; \$21,000, lacornueusa.com.
2. **OLD PLANK** Casters give marble and metal practicality. *OPC1060*; \$7,800, oldplank.com.
3. **HOLLAND & COMPANY** Zinc-topped, rustic French flair. *Crisp*; \$3,400, hollandandcompany.com.
4. **MARCH** Substantial (and gorgeous) enough to build a kitchen around. *Work Table*; \$15,180, marchsf.com.
5. **J. TRIBBLE COLLECTION** Straightforward and versatile charm. *Trestle*; \$4,150, jtribble.com.
6. **WILLIAMS-SONOMA HOME** Shelves, drawers, and towel bars are useful and graceful. *Larkspur*; \$3,695, wshome.com.
7. **GRANGE** Perfect for country retreat. *Bastide*; \$6,000, grangeny.com.
8. **WATERWORKS** Industrial touches soften rich walnut. *Bromley*; \$11,800, waterworks.com.
9. **CHATEAU DOMINGUE** Customizable from reclaimed limed wood. *Maison*; \$19,500, chateaudomingue.com.
10. **FIRESIDE ANTIQUES** Timeless scale, classic form. *Draper*; \$3,995, firesideantiques.com.

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Anyone who has ever thrown a dinner party knows the kitchen is where the real action is. And as the space increasingly becomes a locus for entertaining, its furnishings are changing too. Enter the freestanding island. As a design choice, it can speak volumes above your standard built-in, giving a kitchen character with the charm of a turned leg or the sheen of a weathered zinc top. And like the sofas, sectionals, and side chairs that are invading the hearth, an island makes a stylish showcase of the most joyful place in the house.



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