

COOKING UP A STORM

# Some like it hot

Updating your kitchen space? Take note of the latest design trends to create a timeless aesthetic. Angelina Villa-Clarke reveals what's new



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Whether you want a complete overhaul or just a mini refresh, the best kitchens are both functional and beautiful. The kitchen is the hub of a home but also sees the most wear and tear. You can give your space an instant update by simply giving a nod to the latest on-trend colours – or perhaps it's time to replace your cabinets with a brand-new design style. The breadth of choice is vast and constantly evolving, meaning there is something out there to suit all tastes.

For classic cabinets with a difference, Tomas Kitchen Living's Naturalsheer kitchen collection – which is hand-built in Cambridge – is inspired by soft organic forms, boasting curved features. Described by founder Tomas Hinton as 'modern, yet not overly modern', the style fits into most homes, looking fresh and contemporary.

Leading kitchen brand Neptune – with a store in the Cambridgeshire village of Harston – is launching new design features to its kitchens. Customers can personalise their kitchen with on-trend fluted glass for cabinets, a newly expanded Carrara marble worktop range and a new collection of brass hardware in partnership with luxury brand Armac Martin.

Aalish Yorke-Long, CEO at Neptune, says: "We are dedicated to offering not just kitchens, but personalised experiences that reflect our customers' tastes and lifestyles. Our kitchens have a lifetime guarantee; we want our customers to tailor the space so they will love it for a lifetime too."

Celebrating British craftsmanship, Olive & Barr kitchens are handcrafted by



#### A TAILORED TOUCH

Crafting personalised kitchen experiences, Roundhouse (inset) and Neptune (left) offer innovative design features such as fluted glass cabinets, brass hardware and more





**SET IN STONE** Olive & Barr's (above) kitchens incorporate natural textures into stylish, modern designs

## “Wood kitchens create a warm, inviting atmosphere”

skilled artisans. Founder Al Bruce reveals the wood kitchen is making a comeback. “We have moved on from outdated and clunky wood kitchens to seamless elegant designs, which celebrate the beauty and versatility of wood. With a nod to Nordic style, wood kitchens create a warm, inviting atmosphere; the natural grain and textures adding depth and character to the home and providing the perfect backdrop for an abundance of natural textures – from quartz worktops to sandstone floors.”

Founded by architects, Roundhouse crafts bespoke kitchens. Based at the company's Cambridge showroom, senior designer Allison Lynch notes that a mix-match approach can add visual interest to a space. “Mixing different styles and materials adds warmth to a kitchen,” she begins. “New cabinet styles include thinner contemporary frames for a modern twist on the classic Shaker-style kitchen. I am also seeing a shift away from darker colours towards fresh pastel colours and wood accents, bringing a sense of brightness to the kitchen.”

Speaking of which, for a splash of colour in an otherwise neutral kitchen, a great idea is opting for a statement appliance such as a cooker or fridge, ♦♦



## THE WONDER OF WALLPAPER

Farrow & Ball creative director Charlotte Cosby advises on how to incorporate wallpaper

1. Use it on smaller spaces such as behind kitchen cupboards.
2. It may feel counterintuitive, but larger patterns can work well in smaller spaces.
3. Bring the scheme together by using a colour from your chosen paper on your trim and architrave.



## STOCKISTS

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### Henry Rose Interiors

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## WALK THIS WAY

Lorna Williams, head of product design at Amtico, on flooring

1. Laying patterns can split an open-plan area into different zones.
2. Parquet and chevron patterns are traditional by design but work well in modern homes.
3. Opt for cool Scandi pines or rich aged oaks depending on the age of your home.







#### TRULY MARBLE- OUS

M & J Abbs (below) introduces its electric Aga cookers, Cosentino (far left) offers veined worktops and Henry Rose Interiors (left) emphasises a personalised design and for kitchens



which are now frequently available in a range of appealing colours.

Based in Huntingdon, M & J Abbs offers the latest in heating solutions. Managing director Hayley Abbs explains: “The new fully electric Aga range cookers are not only practical, but also look good. They have fully controllable cast-iron ovens, meaning they are on when you need it and off when you don’t. They are also available in a selection of durable vitreous enamel colours, making the cooker both a focal point of the room as well as a flexible source of cooking.”

At Liebherr, its new Mystyle option sees customers able to customise the look of their fridge using a wealth of different design choices – or even their own photos. Tim Hutchinson, divisional manager at Liebherr UK, shares: “There has been an increasing use of colour in the kitchen over the past few years; Liebherr’s Mystyle colour match fridge-freezer range lends itself to this trend, offering an innovative way to introduce a modern colour palette.”

## “When investing in a new kitchen, choose something timeless”

Also based in Cambridge, luxury kitchen company Willis & Stone reveals that green is the colour of choice for 2024. “Dark green brings depth to a space, creating a welcoming atmosphere,” says designer Molly Chandler. “Its versatility also allows it to pair well with various accent materials, making this a timeless colour choice for those seeking to infuse their kitchens with personality and style.”

Veined worktops, such as those by Cosentino, add an up-to-date contrast to bold-hued kitchen cabinets. “They are a great way to incorporate the quiet luxury trend within your kitchen,” explains Katie Parry-Stone, UK retail sales manager at Cosentino. “Our work surfaces are built to last and designed with longevity in mind, so we recommend leaning towards timeless

trends which you won’t tire of easily. Fluted designs – such as the Dekton Ukiyo style, for instance – are gaining momentum in kitchen design.”

Having the last word is Cambridge-based company Henry Rose Interiors: “When making a big investment such as a new kitchen, it’s always best to choose something which will give you longevity and has a timeless look. Whether you opt for Shaker or contemporary styles, you can still add some form of personality in smaller ways.

“Look for on-trend hardware for instance, such as rose-gold cabinet handles; or go for a reeded-glass cabinet instead of plain glass; or maybe make a statement with a bold splashback. Make the journey to your ideal kitchen a fun one!” ●



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