

KITCHEN-SINK APPROACH This Roundhouse Design Urbo & Metro matte lacquer kitchen features a grey concrete sink and oven run, antique copper wrap wall units, Dekton Domoos wall cladding and a Dekton Laurent island

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WHAT'S COOKING?

From dark cabinetry to 'social' islands, Angelina Villa-Clarke asks the experts about the latest kitchen trends

COLOUR: BOLD AND DARK

The kitchen is one of the most important rooms in the house. It's gone from being a utilitarian space to an all-purpose room, where we gather, find nourishment and socialise. Homeowners have since become more adventurous when it comes to picking the key colours in their kitchens, moving from safe neutrals to bold shades, like navy, forest green and even black.

Patrick O'Donnell, international brand ambassador at Farrow & Ball, agrees: "Dark kitchen cabinetry is everywhere right now," he says, "especially in rich jewel tones of blue and green, such as Studio Green and Oval Room Blue. Introducing pockets of brighter jewel tones like India Yellow on a windowsill, or a pop of bold colour on the insides of cupboards, can add interest and joy to a kitchen."

At Cambridge-based Henry Rose Interiors, in-house experts can design bespoke kitchens in a range of on-trend colours. The company works with leading German and British brands who are committed to sustainability and offer a wide choice of styles.

Paint and colour expert Annie Sloan warns about choosing any shades that are too 'of the moment'. "Your kitchen should be a colour you love rather than a colour that's in fashion," she says. "Once you've chosen your main colour, assess whether it's warm- or cool-toned. Then pick a complementary colour in the opposite tone and add accents. This will emphasise your main shade while bringing a little va-va-voom to the heart of your home!" ➡



BE BOLD Strong Farrow & Ball colours (middle and right) can help your cabinet space stand out. Pattern can contrast with colour, like in these Annie Sloan designs (top and bottom)

PAINTED PERFECTION

Dominic Myland, CEO of paint company Mylands, gives his three top colour tips



1. Pastel colours can be used to provide a neutral backdrop



2. Bold hues, like a mustard yellow, can be used to create eye-catching cabinetry



3. Use the same shade on your cabinets and woodwork for a vibrant scheme

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DESIGN: SOCIABLE KITCHEN SPACES

The way we use a kitchen space has evolved to be somewhere we can cook, eat, work and socialise. As a consequence, new design ideas – such as ‘social’ kitchen islands and zoned areas – are creating usable, multi-functional rooms.

Based in Cambridge, Bryan Turner Kitchens handmakes all its cabinets in its Norfolk workshop. The company prides itself on using artisanal craftsmen and traditional cabinet makers to create bespoke kitchens for customers. “We’re now making cocktail cabinets that can discreetly hide behind folding doors, and ‘wine walls’ where wine can be displayed in large, glass-fronted rooms or cabinets,” says founder Bryan Turner.

Aiden Holmes, kitchen sales manager at Inspired Kitchens Cambridge, agrees that the kitchen has now morphed into a sociable space. “From an island with seating to bespoke furniture that links different areas together, the open-plan space is definitely here to stay.”

As well as the popularity of multi-functional islands, an old-fashioned pantry is also something that fits in with modern family life, reveals Simon Temprell, interior design development manager at Neptune. “Few people have space for a walk-in



DISPLAY, DON'T STORE Form meets function in this Neptune design (top). And forget dusty cellars, Bryan Turner Kitchens (above) can build you a wine wall! Inspired Kitchens creates an open, friendly area (right)

pantry these days, but there are clever alternatives that fit neatly within your cabinetry,” he says. “Deep pantry cabinets open up to reveal multiple storage options and hinged shelving for dry goods and spices. What’s more, you can retro-fit your existing cabinetry with ingenious storage designs to turn it into a pantry.” ➡



BESPOKE BEAUTIES

Top-end kitchen company, Roundhouse Design, reveals its newest kitchen ideas

1. Opt for an island with an interesting shape, such as oval or split-level

2. Pantries are in-demand, and customised designs offer the ultimate in storage solutions

3. A dramatic stone for surfaces will give the wow factor

