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LIGHT FANTASTIC

Above To let natural light flood into a dark space, use plenty of glass wherever possible. This kitchen, with its glazed roof and glass doors, houses a contemporary handleless design from Matrix in Light Grey and Cashmere matt lacquer. With Corian Pearl Grey slim worktops and a smoked grey glass splashback, prices start at £30,000

ISLAND LIVING

Above right This generously sized space includes an orangery at one end, so the island was designed to tie the working zone of the kitchen with a bar sitting area, allowing the family to be together while preparing the evening meal. Available from Naked Kitchens where prices start from £20,000, this Clay kitchen in Hague Blue is an in-house Shalee design



Making the most of A LARGE SPACE

GRAHAM BARNARD, OWNER OF MATRIX KITCHENS HAS THIS ADVICE...

- Designing a large room requires more thought as it usually offers much more freedom to express. Before you think of furniture, think of the room itself. Think carefully about natural light sources and whether these need to be complemented or enhanced. Map out the entrances and understand the flow in and out of the spaces which are the main traffic sources.
- Consider how and if you wish to divide the space up – for cooking, dining, maybe an area for a sofa, a snug or breakfast bar. Often, large kitchens are open plan and they become places to relax and entertain so the space has to be calculated, prioritised and multifunctional. An island is often the preferred way of starting to divide up the space but it is not the only way. Rugs, roof lanterns, skylights and ceiling coffers can all do this but much depends on the style you wish to create and ceiling heights.
- I always put a great priority on the entrance into the space and your first glimpse of the room. That first impression is so important. Try not to have too much clutter and obstacles in the way of the main entrance. Keep these virtual corridors within the room as free and open as possible and the space will feel larger and welcoming. Decide if your furniture style requires an eye-catching feature and make sure this is prominent on entrance.



SIDE ORDER

Left This light-filled room features a glazed side return to add space and maximise natural light. With bespoke SW10 Furniture by Day True painted in Black Blue by Farrow & Ball with bronze handles and hinges and contrasting Arabesque bookmatched marble worktops, splashback and floating shelf, the effect is much more living kitchen area, with prices from £50,000