

# KITCHEN

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# the great divide

Get the best of both worlds with an open-plan kitchen that uses a series of design features to create zones for cooking, dining and entertaining

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## LOFT LIVING

**Above** This bespoke kitchen by Tom Hawley is in a contemporary Shaker style in a Nightshade painted finish. Withilestone Yukon worktops for contrast, it really complements its industrial surroundings comprising double-height ceiling, exposed brick walls and metal stairway. Prices start from £35,000

## ROOM WITH A VIEW

**Above right** Using steel framed, dark painted glass doors to provide transparency between spaces, De Rosee Sa architects have designed a stunning courtyard house. The thermally broken frames keep the heat in and can be painted in any colour you choose

**A**s open-plan living becomes even more popular in homes of all shapes, sizes and styles, the need for creating some sort of distinction between the different zones has resulted in a trend for incorporating screens, dividers, pillars and posts into the design. Whether it's a vast industrial space or a cosy courtyard cottage, there are plenty of options when it comes to adding extra value with an array of design features that can complement or contrast with the surroundings. One of the simplest ways is to introduce a shelving system to act as a room divider and handy storage space as Keith Atkins, director of design at DesignSpace London, confirms. 'Library or display shelves can be used as room dividers in a veneer or a lacquered finish while glazed screens can create a feeling of space, keeping the kitchen contained into a defined area.' Any existing architectural features can also be seamlessly integrated. 'Structural beams, service risers or even staircases can be incorporated either by cladding them in materials to match the kitchen or by wrapping them in co-ordinated storage or shelving,' adds Keith. 'Even that awkward under stairs space can be

utilised as a wine store or glass-fronted pantry.' The key is to ensure the end result is practical and aesthetically pleasing rather than gimmicky. 'A popular design feature right now is bi-fold pocket doors that fully close off areas of the kitchen,' explains Daniele Brutto, co-founder of Hub Kitchens. 'Material choice is paramount and combining soft warm timbers with hard cold architectural steel works really well.' While many of us embrace the contemporary feel of an open-plan space, we still have a yearning for an old-fashioned pantry or larder; a place where we can store dried food, baking ingredients, small appliances, cookware, ceramics and crockery. 'Sliding doors can give that flexibility of being able to shut off the space or creating a much more open feel when one wants to connect the neighbouring spaces without doors being in the way,' says Natalie Benes, associate architect at Stiff + Trevillion. 'If a staircase descends into a kitchen space, you don't need to necessarily enclose it behind a wall. Why not expose it and make it part of the kitchen space? You could also tie in the materiality of the staircase by using the kitchen floor finish on the staircase treads or matching the finish of a metal staircase handrail with the kitchen handles.' *CKDB*





### ALL IN ORDER

Out of a desire to create compact and functional furniture with single set dimensions, designer Samuel Chan has crafted a family of six cabinets, from a bar and a glass cabinet to this larder, called Stele. Made in walnut, it has open shelving, wine racks and four deep drawers for spice and bottle storage. It's £5,335. [channelsdesign.com](http://channelsdesign.com)



### LOOKING TIMELESS

As much as we love the trends, when it comes to your kitchen you'll want it to stand the test of time. This is why the latest collection, Butler, from Tom Howley combines the best of modern style with classic detailing. The standout feature is the island in smoked oak with Silestone Snowy Ibiza worktops. Kitchens start at £35,000. [tomhowley.co.uk](http://tomhowley.co.uk)



### MUST-VISIT EMPORIUM

Following on from the exciting news that Petersham Nurseries has opened in Covent Garden, there's now an online shop where you can find and buy a selection of homewares, gifts and furniture. If you visit the store, you'll also find a delicatessen which showcases items from small artisanal suppliers and delicious seasonal fruit and vegetables. For example online you can shop for pasta, jams and wine. [petershamnurseries.com](http://petershamnurseries.com)



### KETTLE'S ON

Pause for a moment and embrace the simple joy of having a cup of tea. In pretty chalky pink and terracotta colours, these earthenware teapots are at the top of our kitchen must-have list. Pouring is easy with the smooth, curved handle in steam-bent oak which adds a charming touch. They're from £90 each.

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