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# Modern CLASSICS

Past meets present in the best of British kitchen design, as the latest styles give a modern twist to classical cabinetry

FEATURE **HAYLEY GILBERT**

## **FAMILY FRIENDLY**

For fashion blogger Erica Davies, it was the simplicity of a Shaker kitchen combined with a dramatic inky blue palette that resulted in her dream design. Created by family business Herringbone Kitchens, added details such as a large island and plenty of storage make it ultra practical for family living. The Rye design starts from £20,000

## MAKING *modern classic* YOUR OWN

FRED HORLOCK, KITCHEN DESIGNER AT NEPTUNE, HAS THIS ADVICE

Making stylised choices such as removing the backs of cabinets to see features such as original brick walls can be a great and efficient way of introducing texture into a modern kitchen. Closed wall cabinets can dominate a kitchen if they're over-used and so open shelving is a way to break things up and will expose the original wall.

Hardware is a great way to add a modern twist to a more traditional style. Using brass hardware is something we've been doing for a while – it's on trend, but is also timeless.

Lighter colours tend to work well in most kitchens because there's usually a variety of surfaces and textures that reflect light to brighten it further, such as stainless steel, enamel cookers and hobs or polished worksurfaces.

Blending two complementary, light colours creates a calm, sophisticated space with a subtle amount of variation in tone and unlike with darker colours, they won't try to compete for attention, they'll harmonise with one another.

Combining texture and rustic colours with contemporary surfaces can work fantastically well. This could be anything from accessorising the kitchen with aged copper pans or a characterful wooden chopping board to using reclaimed brick or rough sawn timber panelling on feature walls.



### LIGHT SHOW

Above Bespoke designers McCarron & Co will work within existing architecture to complement high ceilings, architraves and corning with classical furniture harnessing a modern feel. A series of three brass pendants over an island brings this scheme bang up to date, with kitchens starting at £35,00

### SEASIDE CHIC

Below Neptune's Suffolk kitchen design was inspired by a simple 18th century chair found in an East Anglian antiques shop. Starting from £14,000 for a medium kitchen, the clean-lined look is made up from tulipwood, plywood and oak cabinets that can be painted in standard colours such as Dove Grey and Honed Slate

