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POLAR OPPOSITES

The Toronto kitchen is handleless for streamlined design. It's shown here with a stunning Matt Black oak door with elegant vertical graining, contrasted with a Polar White High Gloss lacquered door for a true monochrome finish. Neil Lerner kitchens start from £25,000

COLOUR DOESN'T HAVE TO BE COMPLICATED – IF YOU'RE AFTER A TIMELESS AND SOPHISTICATED KITCHEN SCHEME, MAKE SURE IT'S MONOCHROME

FEATURE *Emma Hedges*



ON YOUR METAL
 For full-on drama the doors and drawers on this island from the Sola Kitchens Metal range have been clad in black steel, and bring together a range of deep, moody tones. Also available in copper, brass and steel, priced from £50,000

‘Hardware is a great option for taking a monotone scheme from ordinary to extraordinary. For darker kitchens, brass hardware is particularly effective’

Richard Davonport, managing director at Davonport



HIDDEN DEPTHS

Left This subtle pairing from Alno by Halcyon adds visual depth – the combination of two dark tones in the form of Alno Star Fine matt lacquer in Graphite on the walls and Alno Star Dur textured laminate in Lava Grey on the island, priced from £30,000

SECRET STORAGE

Right Schmidt's Arcos kitchen, shown here in Zonza, features electrically operated drop-down hidden shelves which retract up behind the reduced depth wall units for the ultimate in clutter-free living. Schmidt kitchens start from £10,000





BRIGHT IDEA

Above For a fresh look, try a contemporary take on a classic Shaker design layered with a mix of neutral colours and textures, as seen here with this Modern Classic scheme by Life Kitchens, priced from £25,000

LIGHT FANTASTIC

Below This clever design from Alno by Halcyon uses Alno Star Sign high-gloss lacquer in white along with warm grey worktops and reflective flooring, allowing the architecture to speak for itself. Priced from £30,000

Into the light

An all-white kitchen scheme is unfailingly fresh and appealing, no matter what the dimensions are. If the room is on the compact side, pale cabinetry is a neat trick that works to make the space feel as light and generous as possible. 'An all-white kitchen can help a more modest space feel bigger and brighter. It is also timeless and classic, looking crisp and clean,' says Richard Davonport.

However, any scheme of just one colour needs careful planning to prevent it from being overpowering – if you're not careful, an all-white contemporary kitchen can verge on lacking in atmosphere and feeling a bit like a laboratory. 'If there's too much white including walls and flooring, it can make a room feel cold and clinical,' warns Davonport. He advises bringing in other elements for a touch of variety. 'Break up the monotony of the solid cabinet faces using standalone appliances, and introduce accent colours with accessories incorporating natural textures such as wooden worktops and flooring to help add warmth. This will also help to bring in a bit of your personality as well.'

Hayley Tarrington-Robson, creative director and founder of Day True, agrees and believes that an all-white kitchen scheme provides an excellent backdrop for display purposes. 'Keeping a simple palette allows the homeowner to add their own personality into the styling of the space, and introducing personal artefacts adds colour and texture. One of our clients had a lot of artwork and sculptures that they had collected over their lifetime, and the whole architecture of their home – including the kitchen – was designed to be a simple platform to display these treasured pieces, and allow them to become the hero,' she explains.

