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THE REINVENTION OF EXTRACTOR HOODS

THIS PIECE OF KIT IS NOW EMBRACING FORM AS WELL AS FUNCTION

AN ESSENTIAL 'The extractor hood has a crucial role to play in the kitchen, removing odours, vapours and grease,' says Manfredi Conforzi, designer and commercial director of Officine Gullo. 'But the hood can also have a great impact on the aesthetics of the space, creating an opportunity for added style.'

Extractor hoods vent outside via ducting or, if you are not able to duct outside, a recirculation model passes air through grease and charcoal filters to absorb odours, returning 'cleaned' air to the room. Choose a hood with the right extraction rate to suit the size of your room, preferably with built-in lighting to illuminate the hob. Smart hoods can automatically sense the level of extraction required, working in tandem with the hob.


Then consider its position. While there are in-hob, downdraught (in-worktop) and flush-fitted ceiling models for those wanting a discreet solution, for more impact you may wish to consider a statement design, particularly if you have a powerful range cooker. 'We usually suggest installing a hood that measures the same size as the hob to most effectively capture the grease and smoke from any burner or element below,' notes Manfredi.

BESPOKE Manufacturers offer a range of wall-mounted chimney and pendant island hood options that allow you to select a traditional or contemporary design. Or you may wish to create an original look, cladding a built-in hood in a distinctive material, from ceramic tiles to textured wood or polished metal. 'We believe that introducing interesting finishes and textures can create a timeless and individual solution.'

says Hayley Robson, creative director, Day True, who designed an extractor cover in brass-tinted steel in a recent project. 'It creates a focal point, adding a touch of warmth and reflection,' she adds.

WOOD Timber, whether natural or painted, always adds a gentle touch to a room design. Oana Sandhu, lead designer, Blakes London, used broken-white painted shiplap to create a panel to conceal a built-in extractor in a recent kitchen design. 'The panel breaks up what could have felt like a heavy run of units and introduces texture, a new softer colour and a decorative focal point,' she explains.

MARBLE The never-to-be-repeated beauty of each slab of natural stone makes it an eye-catching feature, especially if carved to enhance its appeal. Managing director Nick Anderson of Guild Anderson enjoys creating original features in his kitchen projects, recently using an antique marble frieze to create a mantel over an Everhot range cooker. 'The mantel incorporates two Novy extractors, ducting and a substantial steel supporting structure,' he explains.

MIRROR The reflective quality of mirror makes it a clever choice for cladding an extractor, particularly above an island if you are worried that a large central structure may seem too heavy. 'A mirrored extractor hood reflects light from the surrounding windows, so becoming almost invisible, while subtly adding to the elegance of the room,' says David Lisle, managing director, David Lisle Kitchen Design. 

SOURCEBOOK: SMART EXTRACTOR HOODS

BOZEN

The Exo island extractor is a modular system with an industrial-style frame, available in your own choice of RAL colour, from £3,594 for a 1,800mm-wide model. bozen.co.uk

NOVY

This extraction specialist offers a range of quiet and energy-efficient models, including the Mood 108cm remote control pendant-style island hood. £2,840. novy.co.uk

SIEMENS

The LR18HLT25 cooker hood, £4,049, appears to float above the hob thanks to its suspended design, while its functions can be voice controlled. siemens-home.bsh-group.com

WESTIN

This manufacturer offers bespoke and off-the-shelf products, including The Masterchef, from £2,202, a classic cooker hood with hand-polished strap and rivet detail. westin.co.uk

Shiplap cladding conceals the extractor in this design by Blakes London, Kitchens, from £45,000



In this room by David Lisle Kitchen Design, a bespoke island hood is clad in mirrored glass, from £2,000, Westin



Pyramid hood in Yellow Orange and burnished brass, £10,794, Officine Gullo



An antique marble frieze has been used by Guild Anderson to conceal extractors. Kitchens, from £60,000

