

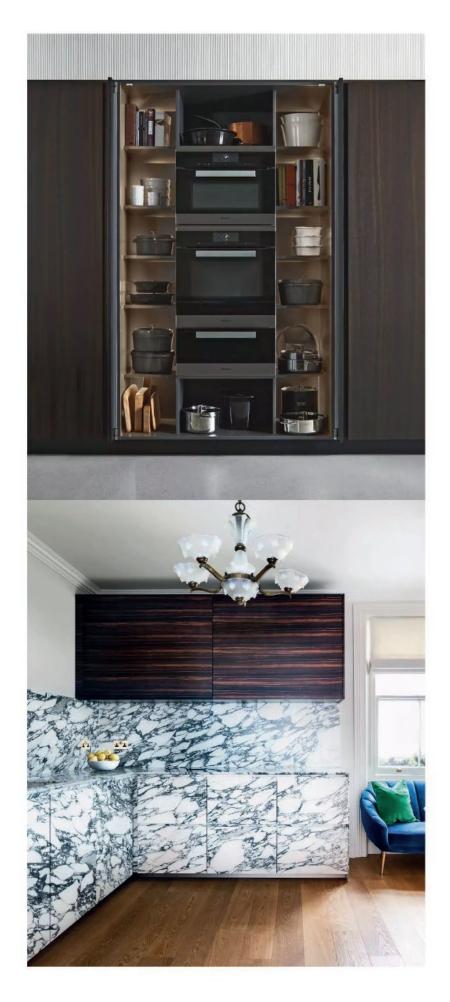


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THE EMBRACING OF MAXIMALIST STYLE IN OUR BATHING SPACES AND MINIMALIST DESIGN IN THE HEART OF THE HOME AND A LOOK AT STATEMENT EXTRACTOR HOODS AND WELLNESS SHOWERS



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4 DISAPPEARING POCKET DOORS

As the name suggests, pocket doors slide back into a pocket in the cabinetry and are fast gaining ground as the slick way to keep cooking equipment neatly concealed. Be aware that the 'pocket' required to house the doors when open will reduce the available space overall - more pocket doors require bigger sacrifices in terms of usable area. It will also take more time to open these full-height doors and slide them into their pockets, which can be annoying when grabbing a quick coffee. Be honest about whether you will take the time to open and close up pocket doors before you invest. Alea kitchen by Paolo Piva, from £50,000, Poliform.

5 STATEMENT DESIGN

Discreetly hidden kitchens don't have to be guiet and featureless, as this striking scheme by Minotticucine London proves. 'At the heart of Minotticucine's design ethos lies visual silence, a philosophy whereby all elements that identify and age a kitchen are hidden from view,' explains Anthony McLean, head of design, Minotticucine London. 'In this project, the ovens and fridge are hidden from view behind a pocket door, allowing the beautiful Arabescato marble to form the uncontested centrepiece.' Like a cool optical illusion, using the same bold material on door fronts, worktops and splashbacks blurs the lines where cabinets end and countertops begin. Atelier kitchen in Arabescato marble and Macassar ebony, from £60.000. Minotticucine London.