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DESIGN YOUR *Perfect* KITCHEN ISLAND

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Whether it is extra large or made from luxurious materials, a statement island can add real impact. This striking unit with a geometric design, created by Epilog Studio for Slovenian kitchen company Kavinoplastika, pairs a porcelain stone surface with a granite sink and gold mixer tap. Price on application.

IN DETAIL

KITCHEN *islands*

It's one of the most sought-after features when planning a new space – and while looks are important, deciding on the functionality of the design is key. Follow our useful guide to determine which set-up is right for you >

Words: **Yvette Murrell**



EXPERT ADVICE

"Don't forget about the lighting around your island. If you use it as a preparation space, it should be well-lit from above. If it is a dining area, it is wise to install dimmable illumination in so you can change the mood."

Yvette, features writer

Add some wow factor THE STATEMENT ISLAND

Now, to make a real impact in your kitchen you could go for an all singing, all dancing design – imagine unusual shapes, a large scale, or luxurious materials with bold colours and textures. Think outside the box: consider curved edges or angular features such as in this Diane Berry Kitchens design: using Aino cabinetry, Diane chose a textured metallic panel in Champagne overlaid with a laser-cut design for her client – and for extra impact, LED tape behind the geometric layer creates a soft glow at night. Chunky worktops and Tom Dixon pendants above finish the industrial look. Enlist the help of a designer, as they can advise you on practical considerations to make in order to achieve your dream kitchen. For example, if you want seating, think about how people will perch comfortably, and if you require built-in storage this will need to be factored in, too. A more conventional island can also still make a statement if you choose alternative shades or worktops contrasting to the rest of your kitchen cabinetry. Think dark charcoal against a lighter tone elsewhere, for example. A similar kitchen by Diane Berry would cost around £30,000.