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CLEVER KITCHEN EXTENSIONS

Planning to expand your home this year? Draw inspiration from these transformative extension projects to maximise your space

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There's a lot to be said for improving rather than moving right now but, let's be honest, it's a huge investment. A kitchen extension isn't just about sticking a generic box on to the back of your house; more than ever before, these additions need to be cleverly planned, with optimal storage and multifunctional designs to cater for a variety of different activities. Architects are increasingly coming up with creative solutions to ensure our homes don't just meet the space requirements but that they improve our wellbeing, enrich day-to-day living and also stand the test of time. Take a look at these inspiring projects to see what's possible with your space, no matter how big or small.



AHEAD OF THE *curve*

The ground floor of this 1930s semi-detached property in Loughton, Essex, was completely reconfigured to create a better connection with the lush, 300-foot garden, which originally sat nearly a metre below the ground floor and was accessed via a set of precarious narrow steps. Studio Jayga Architects proposed the demolition of an existing outbuilding, which obscured the view to outside and reduced natural daylight. The architects then opted for a split-level, open-plan space, with internal steps leading to the upper-level living area. This is zoned off via a slatted screen divider to provide privacy, while still being visually connected and to let in light. A pair of arched metal doors now lead out straight on to the garden, without any level changes, while a unique curved window seat with up-and-over frameless glazing provides unobstructed views of the garden and sky. The bespoke kitchen, crafted by Sheraton Interiors, has a statement, fluted elliptical island at its centre, which echoes the soft curves of the arched doors and curved glass. Sheraton kitchens start from £30,000.

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