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# LOOK UP

Create extra square footage in your kitchen with a nostalgic rolling ladder design

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Are you in need of more storage space? Thinking of extending? Well, before you start knocking down walls, consider creating more space by expanding up and not out. Traditionally used in library spaces, today more and more kitchen designs include the use of rolling ladders to access high cupboards. Interested to hear more? Then read on...

## *Bold as brass*

The owners of this property in Bath wanted to make the most of their high ceilings and opted for white cabinets with a pop of brass that would reflect the afternoon sunshine and add character and interest to the space. "The clients wanted brass accents as a nod to the traditional features seen throughout the home," says Zoe Holland of Sustainable Kitchen Company.

The growing family were looking to create more storage in the kitchen design and ensure that everything had a space. They felt it was important to keep the worksurface minimal and not take away from the beautiful brass finish. "Our designers suggested the use of the ladder to be able to reach the upper cabinets, allowing us to build all the way up to those beautifully high ceilings," she adds. >



### Timeless design

The kitchen in this large, detached property in Surrey was designed by Adapptions. "The ceilings are very high, so we decided to extend the tall cabinets by adding walnut open shelving and wine storage in order to give the right perspective aesthetically," says Ian Cross, owner of Adapptions, who designed the spacious kitchen. "The ladder is essential in accessing these high cabinets, but it also looks great in the design." A similar kitchen would cost around £80,000.



### Old world charm

Bespoke cabinetmakers Humphrey Munson included a solid oak ladder and rail system in this Surrey Hills kitchen to allow access to the upper cabinetry but also to add a dash of nostalgia. "Using ladders in kitchen design brings a touch of old-world charm - I think there's that sort of apothecary-shop vibe to them," says Louise Eggleston, creative director of Humphrey Munson, "but they are also a practical solution for reaching high cabinets. I find that a ladder and rail system adds an element of tradition and surprise that elevates the overall aesthetic of the room." Kitchens start at £60,000, not including appliances. >