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KITCHENS

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and oversized pocket doors), which make for its signature sleek finishes.

DEVOL

36 St John's Square, EC1 (020 3879 7900, devolkitchens.co.uk) and 2 Tysoe Street, EC1 (020 3837 5900)

BEST FOR Chic Shaker A show-stopping wall of its own-label Emerald Green tiles greets you as you enter deVOL's striking St John's Square showroom. The meticulously renovated Georgian building is the dream showcase for its covetable Classic English and Real Shaker wooden kitchens, all dolled up with its own-design ceramics and pendant lights. Head to Tysoe Street to check out Sebastian Cox's kitchen.

ESPRESSO DESIGN

Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour, SW10 (020 7078 9912, espressodesign.co.uk) and 149 St John's Hill, SW11 (020 7078 9912)

BEST FOR Italian style Tap into the award-winning expertise and love of contemporary Italian design at this Chelsea store. Showcasing the best in signature Euro style, with kitchen ranges from Cesar and Aster Cucine, along with the best of the best appliances from the likes of Sub-Zero, Wolf and Gaggenau.

HARVEY JONES

25 Chepstow Corner, W2 (020 7792 5333, harveyjones.com),



Modern mood: the height of luxurious Italian design by Modulnova at DesignSpace London

plus Battersea, Fulham, Hampstead, Islington and branches across the Southeast

BEST FOR Flexible designs The Notting Hill showroom displays the brand's entire kitchen portfolio, with six sets showing the Shaker, Linear and Original kitchens, as well as the new Linear Edge range. It all goes to show the versatility of these built-to-last kitchens, made by traditional techniques.

HUB KITCHENS

Oyster Wharf, 20 Lombard Road, SW11 (020 7924 2285, hubkitchens.com)

BEST FOR Clean-lined contemporary This recently

revamped Battersea showroom has three sleek kitchen displays – two from TM Italia and The Cut from Record è Cucine (HK is the UK's exclusive stockist). Miele and Gaggenau appliances are on show, alongside Caesarstone work surfaces and Quooker taps.

JOHN LEWIS OF HUNGERFORD

156-158 Wandsworth Bridge Road, SW6 (020 7371 5603, john-lewis.co.uk), plus Blackheath, Chiswick,

Muswell Hill and branches across the Southeast
BEST FOR Painted kitchens Covering traditional, retro and contemporary designs, this showroom has all the company's kitchen ranges on display. It prides itself on its vast selection of super-durable paint palettes, so pick your perfect kitchen and colour, then have it handmade and painted in the UK.

LANSERRING

Studio 10, 27a Pembridge Villas, W11 (020 3319 6969, lanserring.com)

BEST FOR Elegant luxury Heritage brand? Tick. Craft traditions? Tick. Visionary design? Tick. Austrian company Lanserring is all about juxtaposing materials, texture and finishes to create truly bespoke, high-end, contemporary kitchens. Fix a time to visit, as the studio is open by appointment only.

MCCARRON & CO

102 Westbourne Grove, W2 (020 7243 2315, mccarronandco.com) and 84 Fulham Road, SW3 (020 7584 5736)

BEST FOR Luxury details This second London showroom presents kitchens finished with an array of stunning veneers and high-end materials – ranging from leather to metal stringing – and full of well-thought-out bespoke features with a luxe touch.

MAGNET

78-80 Wigmore Street, W1 (020 7486 8711, magnet.co.uk), plus branches across London and the Southeast
BEST FOR Space-saving ideas A no-brainer for broad choice and design flexibility



Colour story: simplicity and bright shades combine in Harvey Jones's Shaker kitchen



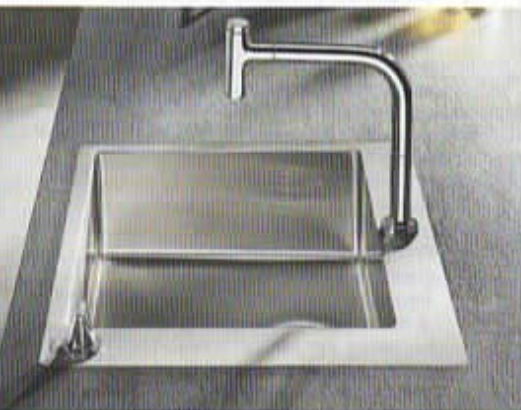
Paint job: John Lewis of Hungerford has introduced new colours for 2018



TV DINNER

Downton Abbey meets *Poldark* in Tom Howley's Butler kitchen. Open shelving and a pared-down Victorian vibe encapsulate this utilitarian design, inspired by traditional pantries found in old manors. 'Butler complements industrial architecture as it has cleaner lines,' says Tom Howley, design director. 'It offers a modern update on the classic kitchen without losing its charm.'

From £35,000 (tomhowley.co.uk)



FUNCTIONALITY ON TAP

Whoever came up with the idea of putting tap controls in a more accessible location is an absolute genius. That would be the Munich-based studio Phoenix Design then! The award-winning team and long-time collaborator of Hansgrohe has created 16 sink combinations to be paired with the German tap maker's mixers, forming single integrated units. Besides its ultra-sleek appearance, turning on this tap is easier - particularly for children - and a 'more ergonomically comfortable movement for all', says Hansgrohe. Let the good times flow! **KitchenSinkCombi C71**, from £1,173 (hansgrohe.co.uk)



Galvanised steel may have building site connotations, but Wren Kitchens' Minerva Island unit embodies sophistication. Elegantly matched with chic grey and brass handleless doors, topped off with sparkling Christus granite, this showpiece is a long way from the construction depot. From £1,330 (wrenkitchens.com)



SMOOTH OPERATOR

For the American brand's first foray into countertop appliances, Wolf's robust Gourmet blender means business. It has a powerful motor for easier blending, operates at variable speeds and has an intuitive LCD control panel to make smoothies and spreads with ease. £599 (harrods.com)

THE LOOK OF LUXE

Scavolini adds a layer of luxury to its Exclusive kitchen cabinets, featuring leather doors and Swarovski crystal studded handles. Made from the finest hand-stitched leather, the doors can be wiped clean and come in three colours: Pearl Grey, pictured, Plaster and Ebony. Available at Multiliving, Scavolini's flagship UK store, the range blends classically inspired ornate detailing with contemporary lines. From £38,000 (multiliving.co.uk)



EXPERT ADVICE

Making trends work

Neptune kitchen designer Fred Horlock translates the latest trends for a liveable format.

• If you're going to try the dark look, be aware that too much colour variation can create a confused space, with different tones vying for attention. A key consideration is the tone and intensity in natural light. It's easy to assume that a small room with little sunlight can't handle a dark shade, but they work exceptionally well together.

• The new neutrals aren't just about pale greys and off-whites. We recently launched Sage as a light colourway. It's an easy-going green that blends well with other neutrals to create a calm, sophisticated space. This spring, we'll be using a new paint called Old Rose, a soft, faded pink that makes a refreshing change for kitchen cabinetry.

• Modern rustic elements can be introduced texturally, with anything from accessorising the kitchen with aged copper pans to using rough-sawn timber panelling on feature walls.

• Subtlety should never be underestimated when incorporating some of the potentially more ephemeral finishes. Soft and soothing combinations such as driftwood-style bleached timbers with antiqued brass hardware look on-trend, but will also hold longevity in a way that copper and rose gold may not. You could also add an edgy touch to classical cabinetry using matte black hardware, which can be switched up relatively easily.

Neptune kitchens start at £12,000 (neptune.com)