



What's Cooking?

A kitchen is so much more than just a place to eat, which means getting it right is vital

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According to a survey commissioned by AGA Cookshop, the average Briton will spend roughly three years of their life in the kitchen. This is not all that surprising considering that in many homes, the kitchen often encompasses a living or dining area, an entertainment system or sometimes direct access to the garden. It becomes the beating heart of the house.

Given its importance, the kitchen's design should reflect the aesthetic and requirements of the family who use it. Where some prefer minimalism, others look for rustic charm; for some, gadgets are essential while others crave simplicity. Space also has to be taken into account – a heavy, industrial look probably won't work. Here are some of our favourite designs to suit every taste.



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Part kitchen, part work of art, this architectural gem from DesignSpace is a prime example of Modernist style. Inspired by Mies van der Rohe's 1929 Barcelona Pavilion, the Modulnova units and island are a dark charcoal grey providing a strong, almost masculine look emphasised by the Royal blue walls and chrome Gaggeneau appliances. A variety of materials including stained black oak, black Nero Assoluto granite and anodized graphite aluminium provide texture. The most striking aspect of this DesignSpace kitchen however, is its lack of clutter and uninterrupted lines. This is the perfect space for those who crave minimalism, with 'messy' areas hidden by pocket doors and handleless drawers and cabinets.

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