



Full-width and full-height glass doors, a contemporary roof light, and a slender letter box window on the far wall allow a maximum amount of natural light into this extension. Kitchen prices from £35,000, Martin Moore.



Similar flooring, all on the same level, creates a sense of seamless flow between indoors and out - perfect for casual entertaining on summer days, as shown in this kitchen by DesignSpace London. Kitchens are priced from £25,000.



To create a more intimate feel in a super-size extension, you may prefer a 'broken-plan' design like this, which makes use of a shelving unit to create distinct but linked areas. Kitchens from £45,000, Smallbone of Devizes.

## Heating and lighting

Don't forget the newly extended space will – by definition – be bigger than the old one, so you need to think about how to heat it. This is particularly true if you've changed from just a kitchen to an open-plan kitchen-living space. "The ambient temperature in the house can drop by 2°C when the builders break through the wall of a kitchen extension," says Vincent Glue of Smallbone of Devizes. "If your room has a tall or even double-height ceiling, it's a lot of cubic feet to warm – so make sure the room has sufficient heat sources to compensate." Where you may have had only one small radiator in your previous kitchen, think about installing underfloor heating and having efficient modern radiators in the kitchen, dining and (if applicable) living areas.

Heating should be planned in from the start – particularly if you are choosing underfloor heating, as the type of flooring and where your appliances sit will influence where the heating runs. Similarly, it's crucial to plan the lighting before the build begins to ensure the wiring is all in the right place. "Large, open-plan kitchens need well-designed zonal lighting that can cover both mood and task requirements," says Jon Stanley of Caesarstone. "Consideration also needs to be paid to natural lighting – where the sun falls and areas of shadow." Consider dimmer switches or a lighting control system on a different circuit to help you set the mood and enjoy your new space.



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