



What's Cooking?

Breathe new life into tired worktops or completely redesign your kitchen with the expertise of MODO Cucine

Often at the heart of family life, your kitchen should reflect your needs, giving you everything you're looking for without compromise. From galley to L-shaped, size doesn't matter, it is about what suits your lifestyle and cooking needs.

Famed for its culinary style, MODO Cucine's creations offer the feel and flare of European design but with practicality to suit. Promising beauty and practicality in equal measure, MODO's contemporary units are awash with enhancing features and hidden gems from glass LED-lit shelves to individually designed drawer organisers. All of these touches add the wow factor, often inexpensively. Whether it's feature statements or snow white surfaces, MODO Cucine knows best. Here are their suggestions for staying on trend and getting souped up this season.

Culinary Concealer

If you are designing your own kitchen, think about what your cooking needs are, how often you cook and what kind of appliances you need. Think about what kind of storage requirements you have; it may be a good time to clear out any unwanted drawers that never get used, especially if you are not blessed with space, as a simple and uncluttered kitchen will appear larger.

Leave your American fridge/freezer behind and opt for a sleek and stylish, yet practical bank of furniture where,

hidden behind the doors, you'll find a built in fridge and freezer with options such as ice-makers or wine coolers. You can also make a feature statement out of all your lovely Miele appliances by having all your cooking needs in one place, from your combination steam oven to built-in coffee machine.

Pure and Simple

To ensure longevity opt for a simple, classic design that won't date too quickly. Keep door designs flat and handles simple, as durability and low maintenance are fundamental when choosing kitchen cabinets that will retain a timeless look. Quality work surfaces will also maintain a good visual appeal that won't age over time.

Striking colours can look great but will show their age quickly as fashion changes, so to ensure a complementary splash of colour opt for striking barstools.

Whiter Than White

Using varying shades of white for your furniture, flooring and worktops can create a statement which looks great but is not too harsh on the eye. As with everything in life, it's the accessorising that makes the difference and gives the kitchen style and individuality, so use items that complement the style.

To maintain a whiter than white appearance ensure that paint and wallpaper used is fit for the kitchen and is

therefore resistant to heat and grease. Similarly, when incorporating tiles, use a grout that is resistant to heat, dirt and water.

Fit In

If you're on a tight budget, stick to the manufacturer's standard sizes and limit luxury items to the essentials. Don't scrimp on fixtures and fittings; quality taps, sinks and cooker hoods can transform a drab space into a designer haven. Stainless steel, although a durable material for worktops and backsplashes, can give a clinical look, so be sure to combine it with warmer materials and colours.

Lighten Up

Make sure you have enough light to work with by concealing LED lighting under worktops and island units. Mood lighting behind glass doors and underneath shelves can create a spacious effect. Similarly, mirrors are fantastic tools to make your space appear larger and can help to add a touch of the contemporary to a traditional kitchen or a feel of French bourgeois to a modern kitchen. If your kitchen lacks natural daylight, brighten up your space through the use of fresh and bright colours.

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