

A Guide to Stunning Kitchen Design



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INTRODUCTION

BE INSPIRED: YOUR GUIDE TO STUNNING KITCHENS

Beautiful kitchens are a focal point in any new construction, or remodel whether it's an update to an older residence, or a total gut renovation. As well, architectural updates are often necessary and desired even in historic homes and projects.



One can achieve **originality with the use of new materials**, luxury surface treatments, custom cabinets and fantastic islands that function as prep surfaces for the busy cook, and double as spot for entertaining or every day dining.

- Many islands function as well **to delineate zones in open space plans**, and as an anchor for small space kitchens.

• **Storage is a premium in any kitchen**, it's where you store your appliances, and dinnerware and every tool a cook could need. It's also nice to have enough free space to organize your linens, and to put away the clutter of everyday life including paperwork, kids' drawings and those take out menus.

Trends in kitchen styles also can be inspiring and so these beautifully stunning kitchen

ideas are **divided by theme** including Small Space Kitchen Solutions, Open Space Concepts, Dramatic Contemporary Aesthetics, the enduring favorite Nordic Style Kitchen and finally the Classic Traditional Kitchen, a luxury staple.



A luxurious small-scale kitchen
from Essential Home



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SMALL SPACE KITCHEN DESIGN, BESPOKE APARTMENT IDEAS

*A LUXURIOUS
SMALL-SCALE KITCHEN
FROM ESSENTIAL HOME.*

*This dynamic space has a
retro look and incorporates
different textures and
materials including stone,
wood and metallics. The
star feature is the geometric
architectural island
complemented by the fantastic
Collins dining chair.*



The bespoke apartment always includes a **well-appointed focal point kitchen**. After all, kitchens are the **center of family life** whether you have a house full of children or simply love to entertain.

Small kitchens can sometimes feel limiting for the homeowner, designer, developer or architect looking to revitalize a pre-existing kitchen or even when designing a new space. However, there are innovative ways to design these spaces with small footprints or limiting configurations without sacrificing style and quality.

- Choose **high end surfaces** for countertops, walls and built in features like islands.
- Select **bold color, high lacquer or dramatic hues**.



A Pied-à-terre or an urban home in particular offer a special challenge because of very specific footprint and plumbing that one cannot alter. However, one **does not need to sacrifice functionality**.

- A focus on layout means you should plan on **practical solutions** include maximizing space and storage, providing enough counter room, using surfaces like islands for more than one purpose (such as preparing, dining and or entertaining).
- To **create an aesthetically interesting space**, use bold color, combine materials, add glass, wood and, concrete and even stone, expand the space with lighting and reflective surfaces for doors and cupboard.
- It is also a good idea to invest in high end countertop materials, flooring and layer different textures.



Solid white countertop by Cosentino

SMALL SPACE KITCHEN # 1 **SOPHISTICATED APARTMENT** **LIVING GOES PURE WHITE** **WITH BLUE**

This **corner kitchen by Planet Furniture** has an L shape configuration. The contrast of materials and color adds a sense of sleek style and suddenly the size does not seem to matter as much.

One is drawn into the space. The addition of a coordinated island that has **plenty of storage** means more prep space and can also be used for dining. The beautiful herringbone wood floor creates a softness to the otherwise minimalist design and this is all offset by a wonderful skylight.

This clever space saving layout makes this room a jewel box.

SMALL SPACE KITCHEN # 2: A GALLEY KITCHEN TRANSFORMED BY BRIGHT COLOR

Apartments often mean **shared space and very little room for a kitchen**. Gallery kitchens are a classic feature in flats worldwide. This does not mean small kitchens in these spaces have to be as dull at all.

- One **clever way** to reinvigorate this kind of space is with **color**. This wonderfully modern and compact kitchen.
- The designer has delineated space with a **multi-functional island** that has ample storage and dining space, the room is anchored with hanging metallic lighting, and a high horizontal backsplash in neutrals creates a sense of sophistication.
- **Matching cabinets and storage** as well complementary decorative elements throughout adds consistency to the small space and allows the open plan to maintain a sense of visual interest.



Arden Blue. Photo by Ballerina Kuchen





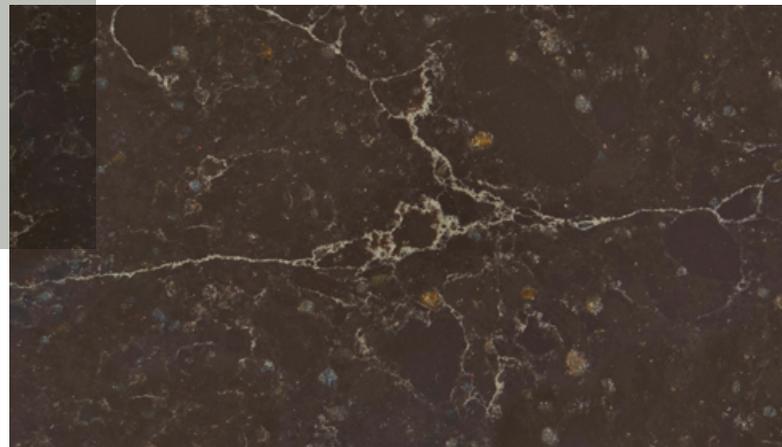
SMALL SPACE KITCHEN # 3: THE GLAMOUR OF A PIED-À-TERRE

A new kitchen in a historic building gets a makeover.

This tiny yet gorgeous kitchen is outfitted in **Cosentino's Silestone Eternal Emperador**, and the lush beauty of this surface covering means that a kitchen space that could have been simply unnoticed has become an **attraction in itself**.

The cubic grace of the island seems almost **sculptural** and is beautifully complemented with more traditional cabinetry that aligns well with the antique nature of the building.

A **sense of luxury** is added with the **gold fixtures**, hanging lighting and artwork – all coming together to become a curated space.



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OPEN CONCEPT LAYOUTS: THE BEAUTY OF A KITCHEN IN OPEN SPACE PLANS

*OPEN SPACE DESIGN
IS POPULAR IN BOTH NEW
CONSTRUCTION AND
FOR DESIGN CONSCIOUS
RENOVATIONS OF
OLDER HOMES.*



Open plan loft space apartment. ©iStock

- In this **industrial space**, open concept living feels cozy with soft furnishings and a simple zoning trick, placing furniture around a table and sofas, and the kitchen looks out into the grand room.
- **An island divides the space** neatly and provides work space as well as a dining area.
- **Walls of windows** allow a lovely stream of light and a view of the cityscape.
- **Scandinavian pale colors** with accents of wood **comes together** here with **industrial chic** to create a fresh new space.
- When planning kitchens in such design schemes, one must always find creative, yet functional ways of **dividing spaces** and the primary and most successful format is the kitchen island.
- As well, using the idea of **smaller rooms within the larger space** is a practical and enjoyable way to design the space so it functions well for the homeowner.
- **Using neutral colors as a background** allows you to decorate every section with its own character although one should be as consistent as possible throughout.





Open plan loft space apartment. ©iStock

OPEN SPACE KITCHEN # 1: THE GRAND OPEN PLAN HOME

This stunner of an **open plan loft space apartment** combines modernist materials with glamorous lighting, palatial proportions, the **zones are delineated by furnishings and contrasts** in warm wood colors complemented by the cool icy greys and whites.

- An architectonic stone and wood island frames the kitchen, and a smart wall of metallic cabinets **provide plenty of storage and a place for appliances.**
- **A dual use bookcase on the staircase vast windows provide** a fantastic view of the outdoors. Open plans mean regal beauty but they can also offer cozy comfort for families and entertaining.

OPEN SPACE KITCHEN # 2: INDUSTRIAL CHIC WITH BRIGHT COLOR

In this kitchen by **Ricardo Lima** the **use of stainless steel, bright yellow and Silestone** creates a thoroughly contemporary industrial aesthetic.

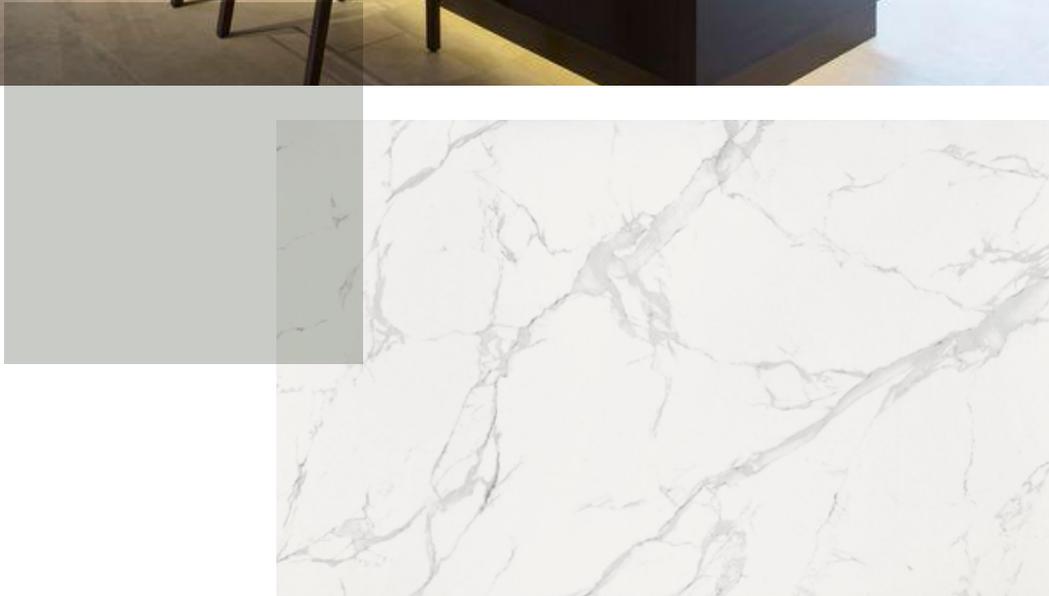
The **low lights and subtle greys** are in fact quite relaxing which cultivates a welcoming feel even within such as super contemporary space. The contrast of monochrome with primary color is both **daring and artistic**.

- Two island areas mean there is ample room for prep work and dining and entertaining.
- Appliances are inset into the walls of cabinets and there is **extensive floor to ceiling storage**, maximizing the potential for circulation, entertaining and as well lots of wonderful cooking.



Cemento Spa by Cosentino

Aura By Cosentino



OPEN SPACE KITCHEN # 3: A MID-CENTURY MODERNIST INSPIRED BEAUTY

Open plan kitchens often can face two sides of the house, including gardens and outside windows. So, it's imperative that layout planning should **take advantage of walls of windows** and outside views, plan to have your kitchen and dining areas face gardens and views of trees, or even balconies.

Creating a **unique space** is quite easy when one uses **various materials** like wood, glass, stone and concrete in a harmonious and daring way.

In this beautiful kitchen, the designer has used **one wall for storage** with flat cupboards floor to ceiling and a **wonderful recessed feature** as well, sculptural in style.

Appliances are also hidden and inset into the built-in sections as well.

In this ultra-modern kitchen, the addition of marble like countertops with the dark island creates a **beautiful sculptural focal piece**.

The configuration of seating allows the diner to gaze outside, a nod to the mid-century modernist house plan that so often combined glass walls and views of the outdoors with living spaces in a seamless manner -all the while pairing functionality with high design.

OPEN SPACE KITCHEN # 4: PAIRING RUSTIC GRACE AND MODERNISM

Open space plans are not confined to new construction, and renovations of older homes and even historic spaces are often absolutely invigorated by the use of open space layouts.

In this gorgeous eclectic kitchen, the surfaces **create a beautiful contrast** between the richness of **natural wood grain and color with the purity of white countertops**.

Simple refined lines mean the space has a **geometric grace** and the island functions as a prep area, as well as a dining and social center.

The wood details are continued in the exposed beams, wood frame doors and windows and the choice of modernist chairs with a simple white contemporary table. The dramatic openness of the space is offset by hanging lighting.



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SMALL SPACE KITCHEN DESIGN, BESPOKE APARTMENT IDEAS

*THE NORDIC KITCHEN
HAS A LONG HISTORY IN
SCANDINAVIAN DOMESTIC
HOMES OF COURSE.*

*As well twentieth century
modern industrial design
and interior draw upon this
rich artistic tradition that
it is rooted in understated
geometry, biomorphic form,
the contrast of organic
materials with manmade
invention.*



Nordic style is **continually evolving with contemporary taste**, technical innovation and the availability of new manufactured surface materials as well as international wood varieties.

- Nordic kitchens often feature a **simplified theme of modernism and traditional rustic motifs**, including natural woods (local and imported) pure whites and distilled geometric forms.
- Generally, they are warm and relaxing but as well fairly minimalist.
- Depth and originality is achieved by using local and exotic woods, or luxury materials for surfaces countertops, cabinets and islands.
- Designers can **incorporate classical Scandinavian elements** that draw on rustic traditions like exposed beams, fireplaces, and uncovered windows.
- Adding **wood furniture, flooring and accents is** another way to capture the layered yet simple look.
- While white is undeniably the leading hue in this sort of kitchen, it's also common to find metallic touches as well as pops of color.



KITCHEN # 1: TRADITIONAL BEAUTY PAIRED WITH SIMPLICITY

While **Nordic kitchens draw on modern twentieth century style, it is actually a contemporary style** as such it's **constantly evolving**, and such versatility means this style can beautifully adapted for any sort of interior, whether new construction, gut renovation, or even historic architecture.

This **Nordic kitchen** was designed **by Venegas and Company, Boston** and has all the **features of the classic Scandinavian kitchen**, natural wood, pared down lines and of course the arctic cool of pure white.

- Particularly stunning are the **amazing white wash rafters and incredible exposure of light**.
- The **geometric island** is offset with Danish modern style bar stools and the plan takes advantage of lots of natural light.
- We love the addition of greenery and the streaming light from the generous bank of windows.



NORDIC KITCHEN # 2: THE CHIC MODERNISM OF THE NEW NORDIC KITCHEN

Somewhere between **architectural splendor** and the **simplicity of Scandinavian restraint**.

- Dramatic lighting, black cabinets in a horizontal silhouette complements the pale grey backsplash and walls.
- This is all beautifully paired with **bare wood** ceilings and modernist Scandinavian style furnishings to complete the look.



Cemento Spa by Cosentino



An airy Nordic style kitchen with a splendid view of an adjacent living space, ©iStock



NORDIC KITCHEN # 3: **SIMPLIFIED ELEGANCE**

An airy Nordic style kitchen with a splendid view of an adjacent living space.

Many **Nordic kitchens emphasize simplicity**. As well, the importance of natural texture and beauty of wood to the Scandinavian aesthetic is seen in this simple yet elegant kitchen.

In this unfussy yet thoughtful space, pure white cabinets with accents of wood including inset cabinets and open cupboards allows for **touches of decoration, while maintaining the minimalist aesthetic so important to the Nordic look.**

Easy to maintain and perfect for a busy family, the space is **perfectly accented** by a bare wood floor with patterned planking.



NORDIC KITCHEN # 4: A GRAND SCHEME – AN ULTRA CONTEMPORARY NORDIC KITCHEN IN AUSTRALIA

A very grand yet austere version of the **Nordic kitchen by Dan Kitchens Australia**. Photo by Paul Worsley @ Live By The Sea.

The emphasis in this kitchen is on sleek style.

- **Ample space** allows a linear focus with expansive white spaces. **Horizontal cabinets** on the back wall mean extensive storage so the owner can maintain their minimalist lifestyle.
- **Light refracts** throughout through the **use of mirrors**, metallics and lots of white.
- This kitchen is a **perfect illustration of the importance of pale hues in the Nordic aesthetic**. Mirrors, glass and metallic fixture continue the refined theme.
- As well, the designer has cleverly included a contrasting addition of wood, achieved here in the wood floor and the wood top on the island. An open plan is devised beautifully with this multifunctional built-in and a view of the outside creates a sense of **illuminated luxury**.



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CONTEMPORARY LOOKS - DARING DESIGN AND MATERIALS IN TODAY'S KITCHENS

DARING IS THE BYWORD OF CONTEMPORARY KITCHENS TODAY AND SENSÀ KITCHEN, TAJ MAHAL IS A PREMIUM EXAMPLE OF BOLD STYLE.

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Mixing gold and Silestone for a stunning countertop. Entzo by Cosentino.



CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN # 1: THE DRAMA OF BLACK

A mid-century inspired contemporary Kitchen with amazing gold lamps from DelightFULL.

Multiple finishes create an inventive space and this retro style embellished with the **most daring of art deco inspired modernism.**

We love the Memphis style tile work, and the centerpiece is the Brubeck mid-century modern chandelier. Inspired by the American Jazz pianist this is a **truly imaginative piece that transforms a kitchen.** Accents of white, wood and sculptural shapes with gold plated finishes coordinate the curated space.

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Kelya by Cosentino

CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN # 2: AN ECLECTIC MODERNIST

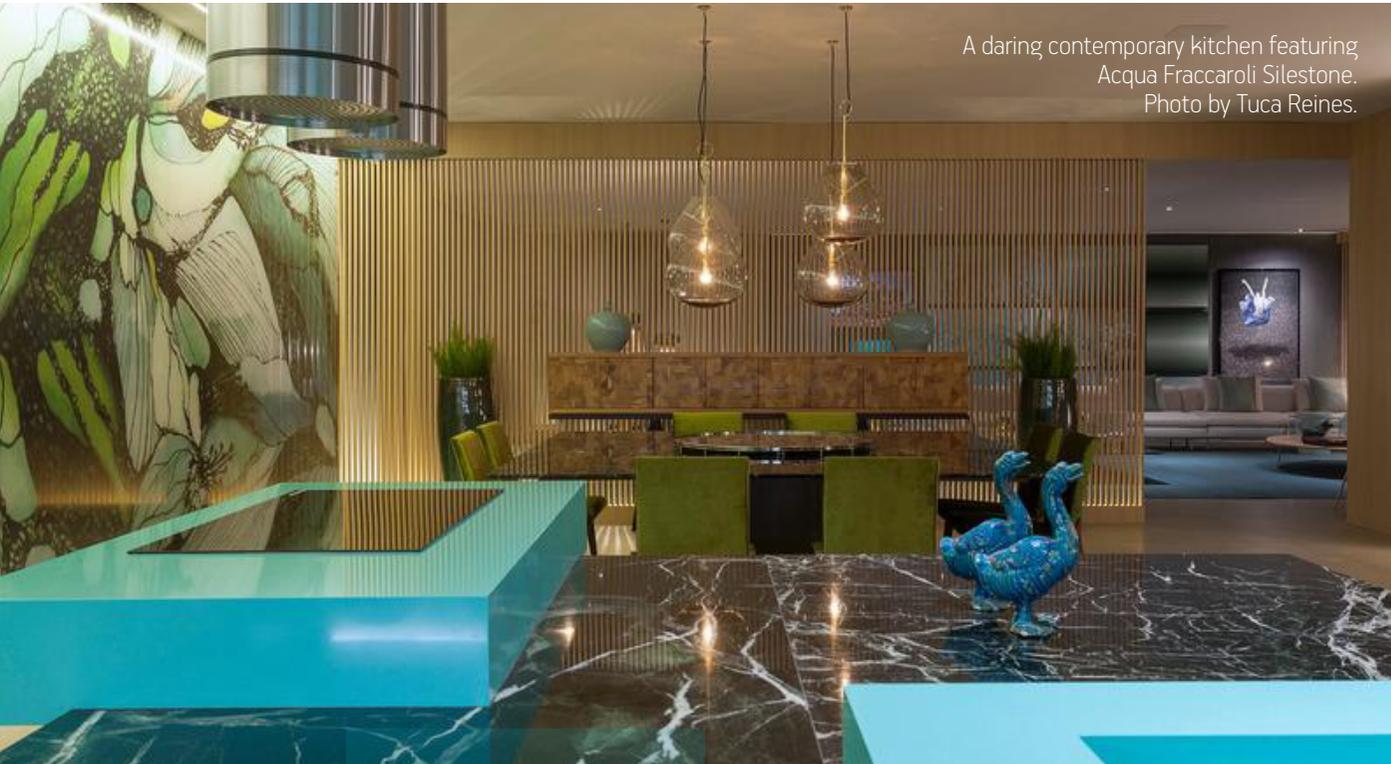
This is a truly creative and unprecedented kitchen with a **global sense of style**. Texture, contrast and diversity distinguish this fine room by Steffany Hollingsworth.

From classical Spain, North Africa, to Danish modern to the Southwest aesthetic this room is full of surprises including Silestone surfaces, to the fireplace to the amazing wooden door.

Contemporary style and luxury materials are blended with historic motifs and features. Punched out cabinets and **dramatic textured lighting** adds flair and a bohemian feel.

If you are seeking a **truly contemporary solution to a kitchen design**, dark palettes are a top choice. This remarkable kitchen is perfect for an **intimate dinner for two** or for **small scale entertaining**, the party can easily extend into the living space, imagine cocktails by the fire. This sort of thematic can work in large houses and smaller apartments as well.





A daring contemporary kitchen featuring
Acqua Fraccaroli Silestone.
Photo by Tuca Reines.

CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN # 3: THE EXTRAORDINARY BEAUTY OF ACQUA FRACCAROLI SILESTONE

A **daring contemporary kitchen** featuring **Acqua Fraccaroli Silestone**. Photo by Tuca Reines.

If you are searching for an unusual element for a spectacular kitchen, featuring colors is a wonderful choice. The **unexpected pairing** with earthy brown striated with white is a riveting composition. Diverse lighting choices in glass and gold metallics center and divide the space.

This dramatic design does not shy from using multiple textures, colors and patterns. Within this spacious residence, fine art is at **the center of this space**, and the surface coverings, cabinets, walls, and floors seem as well to be artworks in themselves.

While many contemporary dramatic interiors tend towards nocturnal colors this space hosts a variety of blues and greens that are vividly offset by metallics to create a layered rich and opulent sensibility that evokes luxury and sophistication. A spacious open plan makes this extraordinary home a true stunner.

CONTEMPORARY KITCHEN # 4: THE HOST'S DREAM SPACE

An **impressive contemporary kitchen**, this design utilizes texture, earth tones and neutrals.

A striking use of bright yellow accented furnishings and gold lighting centers the expansive island. A generous kitchen with an eating area and a large **prep area means the host can prep and entertain easily and with style.**

Layered use of color and materials create a sense of **exotic beauty and warm welcome**, perfect for the gourmet chef and host.



Photo by Guto Esteves



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THE ENDURING LUXURY OF CLASSIC AND TRADITIONAL KITCHENS

WHITE VEINED COUNTERTOP

A vision of romance and crisp fresh style, this traditional kitchen looks out into the garden, and forms a beautifully natural old-fashioned continuity with indoor and outdoor living, one can simply imagine popping outside for herbs while cooking or watching children play.



The purity of white walls, tile, a farmhouse sink, and select glass panel cabinets as well as glass hanging light fixtures showcase a modernized view of the country kitchen. There is a warmth to the fireplace and sitting room, suggesting a lovely ease and social character.

Indeed, **traditional kitchens are the center of a home**, a place to cook, for families to gather and of course to hold holiday events. They frequently feature **wood cabinets**

and these days are often painted subtle colors reflecting light and complemented with high end surface coverings.

Palettes include a **combination of warm rich colors** paired with **cream and white baselines**. Paned windows, ornate backsplashes and chandelier lighting are often top choices. Islands can be framed beautifully with architecturally appointed wood custom coverings and gold and glass offset feminine spaces.

While these kinds of kitchens are big on warmth and coziness and the traditional feel, more and more designers are going for **unusual color and texture combinations**. There are so many wonderful ways to update classic kitchen setups. Think soft pinks for an updated Italian Kitchen style, or even slate blues for eclectic farmhouse kitchens re-envisioned. Classic Hamptons style is made luxurious with soft furnishings and layering of pales.





Silestone natural quartz in Ocean Jasper, Cosentino

CLASSIC KITCHEN # 1: THE ELEGANCE OF FEMININITY – A TRADITIONAL SPACE

This is a **traditional homey kitchen** that has made its way to perfection.

This room is accented with the most endearing of soft color, including pinks, soft taupe, cream, white and delicious gold **Silestone natural quartz in Ocean Jasper**, Cosentino.

A pale pink quatrefoil backsplash highlights a double range stovetop and oven. An **elegant architecturally accented island** is an ideal prep space and perfect for family dining as well as parties.

Gold hardware adds a sense of opulence. The darker wood floor is **an unexpected touch and a selection of paned cupboards** create a sense of delicacy and ornateness.

CLASSIC KITCHEN # 2: TRADITIONAL SOPHISTICATION IN SOFT COLOR

Soft colors and neutrals come together in this design. Warmth and social gatherings are at the heart of **this traditional kitchen**. A lovely in kitchen seating area, and the use of **soft colors and neutrals** has created a subtly welcoming mood while maintaining a high sense of design and sophistication.

Creams, sages, greens, taupe, white and tans come together to evoke a sense of **depth and beauty**. The cream tiles, a farmhouse sink, and hanging green lighting bring the room together. True coziness is artfully achieved by using woven furnishings.

The bare floors are **the perfect touch for this classic kitchen** that has the aura of beachy Hamptons summers.

The walls are painted in Slipper Satin No 2004. Modern Emulsion, the skirting board in Pointing, No, 2003 Estate Eggshell and the cabinets are a lovely Lime White, No, 1, Full Gloss.

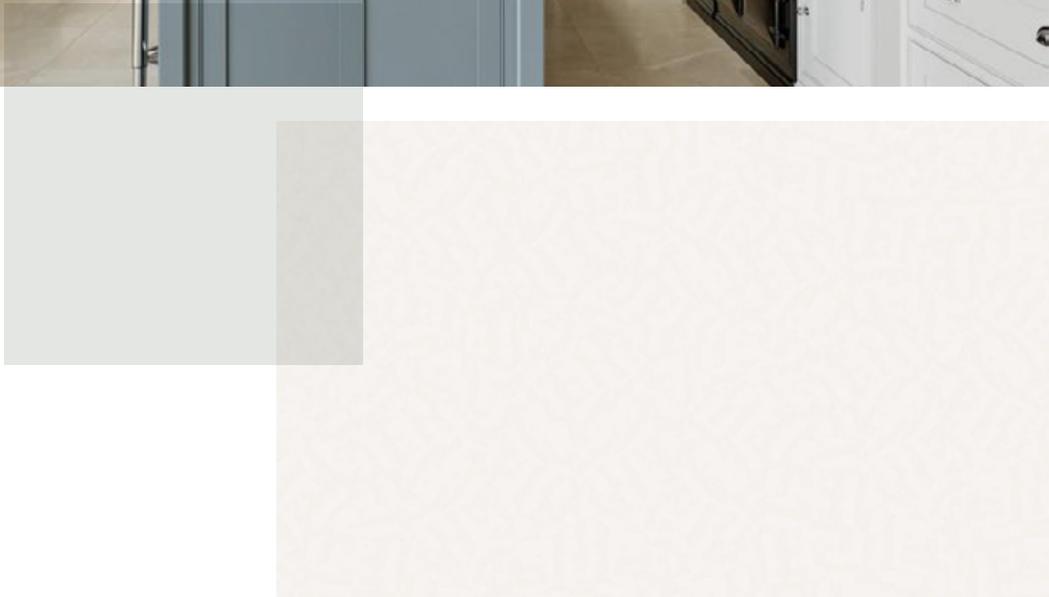




CLASSIC KITCHEN # 3: THE TRADITIONAL KITCHEN AS A MARVELOUS ALL-PURPOSE ROOM

This **beautiful traditional style kitchen** combines modern amenities with classic cabinetry in whites and lovely subtle greyish blue.

A crisp style is achieved with exposed beams in natural wood, white ceilings with skylights, two sinks and a retro oven and stovetop make this eclectic room a **central attraction**. The two-tone island is perfect for cooking preparation and entertaining.



CLASSIC KITCHEN # 4: WARMTH AND CHARM - A BRITISH COTTAGE

A **cozy yet well-appointed kitchen** painted in navy blues from Mylands' paint **reinterprets the British cottage look.**

A bespoke design includes the use of neutrals and charming décor elements such as a retro clock, butler sink and **handmade details.** White washed rafters and a white floor add a nostalgic feel.



Kitchen painted in Charterhouse and Bond Street, Mylands Paints



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