

STORAGE SOLUTIONS

IN ANY SIZE KITCHEN THERE IS ONE INGREDIENT THAT WILL MAXIMISE SPACE AND MAKE IT LOOK BEAUTIFUL – GOOD STORAGE



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1 HEIGHT MATTERS

'There are many bespoke solutions to storage in the kitchen,' says Jane Stewart, design director at Mowlem & Co London. 'One way is to maximise full ceiling heights with a traditional sliding ladder.'

To break up a large wall of storage, use a mix of closed and open solutions. 'Less frequently used items can be placed on open shelving to be visually enjoyed, while delicate glassware or "special occasion" table linens are best kept in closed cupboards,' adds Jane. Mowlem & Co **kitchens** start from approximately £30,000.

2 CHEF'S KITCHEN

It can be a fine balance keeping cooking utensils close to hand without your kitchen looking too busy. One option is to adopt a professional approach – in this Smallbone kitchen, hanging storage has been installed above the working island, much like you would find in a restaurant kitchen. Not only does this mean you can have equipment nearby without cluttering up your countertops, but it also makes a statement in the centre of your kitchen. Smallbone's Macassar **kitchen** collection starts from £70,000.

3 SMART DISPLAY

Building a splashback out into the room may be of more value to your kitchen than the space it initially takes up. Here in the kitchen of Roddy Murray, founder of interior design practice RJ Murray Design, is a marble splashback providing clever cubby-style storage within, as well as creating a shelf above to display the couple's favourite pieces of crockery and kitchenware. Bespoke **cabinetry** by Sculleries of Stockbridge. Marble **worktops**, Stirling Stone. **Wall lamps**, House Doctor. →





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4 WORK THE CURVES

Unusually shaped rooms do not have to stand in the way of efficient kitchen layouts. A bespoke design that works with the shape of the room can create opportunities to add in necessary storage. This deVOL kitchen, accentuates the property's original curved walls and low windows while still incorporating plenty of practical storage space. 'The curved wall has bespoke shelves and a brass rail, giving this area a special feel,' says Helen Parker, creative director at deVOL. Haberdasher's **kitchen** by deVOL starts from £30,000.

5 WALK-IN WONDER

'When it comes to pantry storage, more is always more and the best ones use every drop of space,' says Louisa Eggleston, creative director at Humphrey Munson. 'Even the back of the door can be utilised for storage with a full-length spice and condiment rack to provide quick, easy access to everyday essentials.' Steps can help you make the most of the space, too, while open shelving allows you to view the contents of your larder cupboard. Humphrey Munson **kitchens** start from £40,000.

6 ORIGINAL STYLE

A mix-and-match approach with freestanding furniture can often be better than fitted kitchen cabinetry when it comes to storage. Chris Dyson Architects helped restore the original features of this Grade I-listed home. An antique-style tall freestanding cupboard houses a fridge freezer, while an impressive sideboard has been adapted to include a sink and hob, and house undercounter storage boxes. **Architecture** by Chris Dyson. **Ironmongery**, Williams Ironmongery. **Flooring**, Solid Floor. ☐

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