

Beautiful products and ideas for the kitchen

EXPERT VIEW

Planning a pantry

Tom Edmonds, design director, Lewis Alderson & Co

“When designing a pantry keep it simple so that the space can be kept organised and tidy, even though it will probably be hidden by a door. You don't want it to become a dumping ground so think about what you will keep in there and design shelving around it.

Consider having tiered shelves at graduated heights that are not too deep so you can see everything at a glance and fit different sized packets and tins. A slim spice rack is useful, and a stone or marble shelf is great for keeping things cool.

If you shop in bulk, it's a good idea to leave some floor space under a worktop for large items like crates of bottled water and dog food. Make sure you install some plug sockets so that smaller appliances and perhaps a microwave can be stored and used in the pantry.

Temperature is important as a small space can quickly overheat so there's no need to heat a pantry and, if possible, install an open vent to keep it cool, like a traditional larder.

If there is no space for a walk-in pantry, a larder cupboard within the kitchen will provide plenty of storage, keep your groceries organised and smaller appliances hidden.

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AGED TO PERFECTION

Quooker's all-in-one boiling water tap now comes in an antique patinated brass finish that will naturally change and develop over time. **Quooker Fusion Round in patina brass, from £1,590 (quooker.co.uk)**



Finished with a robust majolica enamel, Staub's colourful cast-iron pots feature a lily design – an emblem of French royalty. **Staub 26cm round Cocotte with Lily lid in Dark Blue, £249; Graphite Grey, £229; Grenadine Red, £249 (staub-online.com)**

3 WAYS TO DO...

Geometric lights

Switch up your lighting with cool new colours and angular shapes. Here are our top pendant picks, from the top:

1 Hay Bonbon 380 pendant light in Ice Cream, £528 (nest.co.uk)

2 GANTlights K1 porcelain pendant in Mint, £179 (limelace.co.uk)

3 Hatton 4 pendant in Natural White, £549 (originalbtc.com)



ROLLING STONE

Allow your kitchen island to take centre stage by splashing out on a real stone worktop. Not only is the natural detailing unrivalled, but this material can withstand heats of up to 300°C, making it a practical investment too. **Lundhs antique worktop, from £970sq m (lundhsrealstone.com)**



LINEAR EQUATION

Four complementary tile designs – Grid 01, Grid 04, Grid Line and Linear – are all iterations of the same linework that make up Bert & May's latest range. 'I have long admired the work of artists and designers of the Modernist movement and wanted to bring the pared-back and simplistic aesthetic to Bert & May,' explains founder Lee Thornley. Mix and match the geometric patterns, as well as the White, Darkroom, Lake or Blush (shown) colourways. **Bert & May's Modernist collection tiles are made to order, from £180sq m (bertandmay.com)**

HIDE AND SEEK
Open-plan and small kitchens alike can benefit from a hidden kitchen design. The innovative and practical BoxLife design by Scavolini is shown here with Oxide Steel textured melamine pocket doors that keep the kitchen and stacked laundry appliances out of sight when not in use. **Scavolini kitchens start from £10,000 (scavolini.design)**



LITTLE BLACK BOOK KITCHEN DOOR HANDLES

1 **Swarf.** Design duo Sam Fish and Kate Worthington proudly use traditional manual machining practices to create modern hardware, and also offer a refinishing and repair service for their brass products. (swarfhardware.co.uk)

2 **Yester Home.** This small family business based in Shropshire has been making timeless wrought and cast iron hardware since 2011. Pick from pulls, knobs, handles and latches, all with a hint of classic English charm. (yesterhome.com)

3 **Dowsing & Reynolds.** What started as a website selling industrial-style lighting has quickly transformed into a home decor brand with a huge range of interior hardware. Shop online or visit the showroom in Leeds' Victoria Quarter. (dowsingandreynolds.com)



Bold as brass

Planning an easy kitchen refresh? Changing your tap can work a small miracle and brass has overtaken chrome in the desirability stakes. (Clockwise from left) Atlas single lever in brushed brass, £309 (abodeofdesigns.co.uk); aged brass Mayan tap, £360 (devalkitchens.co.uk); Armstrong mixer with textured lever handle in satin brass, £686.28 (bernhardrowe.co.uk)

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Emerging styles

Suzy Hoodless, interior designer

“ The kitchen has evolved from a utilitarian workhorse to a more varied living space with paintings on walls where previously would have hung traditional wall units. In my own kitchen, I have a combination of open shelving for close-to-hand storage of everyday crockery, as well as the closed base cupboards for my trusted equipment and the bulkier and often unsightly appliances.

Increasingly homeowners are open to a more varied kitchen environment as we move away from a sometimes clinical aesthetic of the 'built-in' to a more mixed design with layering of vintage and new; creating a fluidity between the free-standing and the fixed elements that make up a well-designed and functional kitchen. We frequently combine unique pieces of furniture that were not designed for a kitchen. For a recent project in Mayfair, we worked with highly skilled specialist glass and metal craftsmen to create an entirely new concept and bespoke design for a kitchen inspired by Maison de Verre in Paris.

We have never been shy of using colour and textures in new and innovative combinations, and the kitchen provides plenty of opportunities to draw on a varied colour palette to enliven any design scheme. Textiles, rugs and cushions are usually not thought about in the kitchen, but in this new, holistic approach to the room they are a very effective way of introducing pattern and colour.