

# KITCHEN TRENDS

Take inspiration from these three stunning yet distinct kitchen designs packed with ideas and style to steal



## smooth move

A curved island bench softens the look and is a practical consideration for high-traffic areas – no sharp corners for clumsy cooks or kids.

ColourPyne **board** in Flordland Elm, from \$40 a sq m, Gunnensen.

**Benchtop** in White Attica, from \$900 a sq m installed, Caesarstone.

Pure Acrylic **paint** in Pelican, \$85 for 4L, Murobond.

## MODERN ELEGANCE

**THE LAYOUT** If you love to entertain, this sleek and classic kitchen design is for you. A large island blends the kitchen and dining zones and encourages guests to pull up a stool while you put finishing touches on the meal. A pair of ovens at waist height are easy to access, but tucked just out of sight, adding to the resolved scheme. **FINISHES** Dark floorboards create an element of drama and elegance alongside the simple white cabinets and marble benchtops. A slender brass light – a contemporary touch – cleverly echoes subtle brass detailing in the island bench, door hinges and drawer handles. **TRY THIS AT HOME**

Keep above-counter cabinets free of handles to achieve a streamlined look. Display your best napery and servingware in a decorative cabinet with glass doors. →



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- 1** Highline 1.8m **pendant light** in Satin, \$2787, Archier. **2** Nordic Tales "Bright Modeco" **pendant light**, \$249, Surrounding. **3** Gordon Ramsay "Bread Street" breakfast **cup and saucer** in White, \$19.95, Royal Doulton. **4** Euromaid 8-program freestanding **dishwasher** in Black Glass, \$899, Harvey Norman. **5** Panasonic 407L bottom-mount **fridge** in White, \$999, Harvey Norman. **6** Stelton "Collar" **coffee grinder**, \$199.90, Top3 By Design. **7** Brass **coasters**, \$49.95 for set of 4, Country Road. **8** Marbella **coaster** in White Marble, \$25 for set of 4, Freedom. **9** Ella wide **vase**, \$12.95, Papaya. **10** Bloomingville Champagne **glass** in Clear, \$23, Clickon Furniture. **11** Round Tall **barstool** in Black, \$265.10, Thonet. **12** Bejublåd 59cm induction **cooktop** with bridge function in White, \$799, Ikea. **13** Kado "Classic" **sink mixer** in Porcelain Brass Gold, \$550, Reece. **14** Malsjo glass-door **cabinet** in Black, \$499, Ikea.



## URBAN COLOURIST

**THE LAYOUT** Style and functionality go hand in hand in this bold design by Dulux. The stovetop has been placed in a corner to contain cooking mess, while the double sink takes advantage of the large windows. A cute and colourful chair and table set with pendant light makes for a dedicated breakfast zone – great for kids.

**FINISHES** Polished concrete floors are durable and easy to clean, and complement the grainy timber cabinets, appliance-free marble benchtops and textural, rendered walls. A dark tile splashback requires less maintenance and won't show cooking splatters.

**TRY THIS AT HOME** For extra storage space, include a cubbyhole and cupboards under your island to store cookbooks and help contain clutter. Lift a neutral kitchen palette by adding a splash of colour via painted timber furniture. →

SCORE

**1** Kali serving **bowls** in Pastel Pink, \$79.95 for set of 4, Aura Home. **2** Morphy Richards "Scandi Aspects" 4-slice **toaster** in White, \$159, Myer. **3** Industriell **vase** in Terracotta (31cm), \$29.99, Ikea. **4** Mondella "Rococo" square double-bowl **sink**, \$368, Bunnings. **5** Dorf "White Vixen" retractable **sink mixer**, \$316, Bunnings. **6** Sierra **tea towel** in Coral, \$19, Greenhouse Interiors. **7** Hurdle low **stool** in Oak/Dusty Pink, \$240, Dowel Jones. **8** Norraker **table** in White Birch, \$149, Ikea. **9** Marble **benchtop** in Aphrodite White, from \$880 a sq m, Euro Marble. **10** Norway Says for Muuto "Plus" **pepper grinder** in White, \$105, Huset. **11** Small rectangular **slate**, \$7.95, Zara Home. **12** Loose **mug** in Glazed Pink, \$3, Kmart. **13** Olive **teapot** in White, \$109, Marimekko. **14** Electrolux "FreshPlus" 528L right-hinge bottom-mount **fridge** in Stainless Steel, \$1740, Harvey Norman. **15** Olympia 50mm **handle** in Oak, \$13.53, Kethy. **16** LEDlux "Bennett" dimmable LED **pendant** in Matte White (30cm), \$349, Beacon Lighting.

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### winning palette

To achieve this colour scheme at your place, paint walls in Dulux "Dieskau", ceilings in "Terrace White", and update a piece of timber furniture with a lick of "Clay Court".



Unique Calacatta **slab** (1.6m x 3.25m), \$3025 per slab, Essastone by Laminex.

Masia **tiles** in Gris Oscuro (7.5cm x 15cm), \$99.95 a sq m, National Tiles.

Concrete **floor panels** in Dark Grey (30cm x 1.2m), \$141.90 a sq m, Concrete.

**material trick**

Metal fixtures, particularly brass and copper, will develop a beautiful, natural patina over time and give new kitchens and finishes a warm, lived-in feel.



Granite **stone** in White Cream, from \$300 a sq m, CDK Stone.



Finished Design Timber Veneer **sheet** in Chalked Slate (2.44m x 1.22m), \$360.20 per sheet, Laminex.



Kaboodle 30cm modern **cabinet door** in Pinto Bean, \$52.84, Bunnings.

**NATURAL MINIMALIST**

**THE LAYOUT** No room for a kitchen island, but desperate for more bench space? Use your dining table as a makeshift island, as seen in this kitchen. An inconspicuous undermount sink, handle-free drawers and cupboards that visually hide appliances all contribute to its minimal, no-fuss design. **FINISHES** The overall scheme is earthy and warm – travertine walls and light timber are mixed with aged brass tapware and feature light, veined marble benchtops and dark cabinets. Accessories in moss and forest green break up the soft, neutral tones. **TRY THIS AT HOME**

If you've got limited storage space and want to keep your benches neat and tidy, make use of empty walls and hang some narrow shelves to store and display decorative glassware, bowls and other pieces that are regularly used. 🍷

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**1** Westinghouse 900mm ceramic electric **cooktop**, \$1449, Harvey Norman. **2** Hat **light** in Bottle, \$493, Mud Australia. **3** Electrolux 600mm Multifunction pyrolytic **oven**, \$1865, Harvey Norman. **4** Yokato kitchen **mixer** with pull-out spray in Brushed Nordic Brass PVD, \$1303, Candana. **5** Vildkaprifol **tea towel**, \$6.99 for pack of 2, Ikea. **6** Ferm Living "Ripple" **carafe**, \$59, Designstuff. **7** KT90PA 90cm canopy **rangehood**, \$2390, Smeg. **8** Stoneware **salad bowl** in Dusky Green, \$39.99, H&M Home. **9** Ado **grinders** in Natural or Walnut, \$69.95 each, Country Road. **10** Majestic Series 90cm freestanding **cooker** in Antique White, \$11,999, live. **11** AYTM "Unity" **tray** in Walnut, \$100, Collector Store. **12** Staub cast iron round **cocotte** in Black, \$299.95 for 18cm, Myer.