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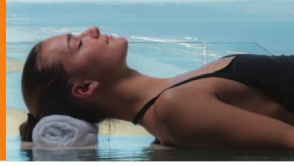

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RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Let your kitchen do the talking, summing up your style beautifully

WORDS: **Kate Houghton**

Farmhouse fabulous
Soft curves and soothing shades; the traditional farmhouse kitchen can call itself a modern British classic for good reason.
Cotswood kitchen, £POA, crown-imperial.co.uk

Channel islands

A kitchen island is an integral feature that will zone areas whilst also bringing the whole family together. Advances in technology mean that islands can blend seamlessly into your design. Here, a servo-drive mechanism from WARENDORF Die Küche allows for a truly handleless kitchen, and contoured side panels create an understated look.

£Price on application, bradburysltd.co.uk

SHED SOME LIGHT ON

Lighting control in the kitchen and family space is a simple solution to create the perfect lighting for practicality and ambience at the touch of a button, avoiding the needs for lots of confusing switches.

By Intelligent Abodes, 01392 314710, intelligentabodes.co.uk

The outside of the box

Fed up of the boxes on the walls, but unwilling to replace? It's easy to refresh with a custom-printed wall sticker. You needn't go all tropical, the design is up to you, and with it being re-usable, water- and stain-resistant, you can ring the changes every season, should you choose.

Spring kitchen furniture stickers, £281, pixers.us

STAR QUALITY

Chic, elegant, stylish… The simple clarity of this kitchen is expressed in straight lines and precision. Plain, generously designed fronts and elegant materials are the trademarks for this contemporary kitchen architecture. The graphite ceramic stone door with matching worktop and sink are set against a natural real concrete door beautifully. ***Visit the Ralph Winter showroom in Exeter or ralphwinter.co.uk. Prices start from £15,000***

LET THERE BE LIGHTS

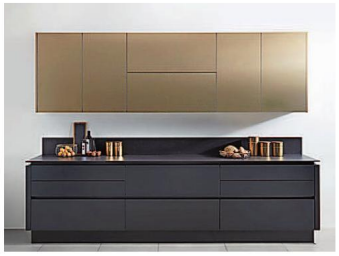
Kitchen lighting should be varied across the space to create ambience as well as allowing the chef to see what's what. It also needs to be easy-clean, fit with your overall design scheme and look pretty good too!

Villa Lumi Stewart ceiling lamp, £1,675, vivalagoon.com

TECHNOLOGICAL DELIGHTS

Sometimes it's the smallest things that give greatest pleasure, so don't just look at the big kitchen tech available. The joy of fresh still and sparkling water on tap, filtered and chilled to the optimum drinking temperature, is yours to be had with Grohe's Blue Home tap.

Blue Home taps, from £1,799, grohe.co.uk



DOUBLE DELIGHT

Choosing two complementary colours for the kitchen can deliver high impact. A lighter upper layer of units gives a more airy feel too, making it an excellent solution in a smaller space.

Malmo Otto in Brushed Bronze and matt Anthracite, from £7,500, burbidge.co.uk

Dine out

Kitchens are very rarely simply that today, with the demand for dining-living-cooking-entertaining all in one wide open space. Your choice of dining furniture must therefore fit perfectly with your kitchen design, to create a seamless sense of unity.

Ligne Roset Allungami kitchen table, from £2,189, Tadao chairs, £1,050, Parachute light, £96, ligne-roset.com

An icon arrives

One of Devon's leading kitchen designers and manufacturers, Ashgrove Kitchens, are excited to let you experience some of the exclusive appliance brands now available at their showroom in Exeter. Nestled perfectly in their bespoke kitchens they are proud to show off the iconic stainless ranges that are Wolf cookers and Sub-Zero refrigeration. Appliances on display include a wine cooler, fridge freezer, single built in oven and steam oven amongst others. The kitchens displayed offer a variety of modern, contemporary and traditional designs and all showcase effortlessly how the combination of exquisite appliances and outstanding craftsmanship can create the perfect cooking and entertaining space in your home.

ashgrovekitchens.co.uk

The Smart Kitchen

The Kitchen is no longer a place to just store and cook food, it has become the hub of most homes where family and friends congregate, so why not invest in some technology to make it more practical, comfortable and fun!

The requirements for lighting in the kitchen can be so variable, as we use that space for so many activities - cooking, relaxing, dining, entertaining, watching TV and reading. Smart lighting control allows you to adjust the lighting to suit the task - so you can move seamlessly from one thing to the other, creating the perfect ambiance and avoiding the need for a bank of confusing switches on the wall!

Lutron lighting control can offer a dimmed lighting mode that is gentle on the eyes as the sun rises in the morning. As the natural light of the day increases, Lutron blinds gradually open so you can effectively manage the light during the day to create the perfect ambiance; ideal for those variable weather conditions!

Enjoy your favourite music all over the kitchen, either from discreetly hidden speakers, or from the contemporary designed free-standing systems from Bowers & Wilkins or Bang & Olufsen. Discreet TV solutions mean you can enjoy your favourite programme and preserve those clean contemporary spaces, with precision lifts allowing you to hide TV panels behind a picture.

For those of you that like the idea of more integration, cooker manufacturers have linked with voice control - so if you have your hands full, you can reduce or increase the temperature and interact with the timer just by talking to it.

At Intelligent Abodes we can help you to create your perfect Smart Home. Our Showroom at Dekor Kitchens in Exeter highlights how you can seamlessly integrate technology, giving you a real vision of how it can work in your home. Whether it be lighting, heating, blinds, security or audio visual, we are an award-winning company that can provide a full end-to-end professional service.

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