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WAY MORE, THAN JUST A KITCHEN!

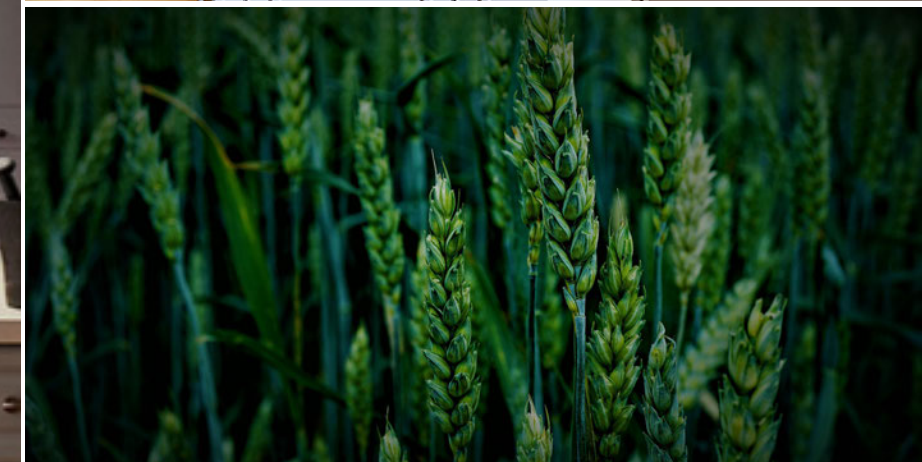
The kitchen is considered, by the majority of us, as the heart of a house. For decades, people gathered around a meal or during its preparation. In some countries, the kitchen is the space where to discuss important matters and take decisions. The kitchen occupies a prominent place in all homes, whether it is where to meet family, gather friends, wake up with a cup of coffee or prepare tasty dishes. The kitchen is the perfect place for human interaction and socialisation, peaceful activities or joyful family events.



+ *Integrate the domestic appliances into the design creates harmony and enhances the appearances of the kitchen instead of its equipment.
The oven and microwave are embedded and lifted, making it more convenient when cooking and grabbing hot plates. The fridge and dishwasher are hidden into the kitchen furniture.*

AN AMBIANCE THROUGH A DESIGN

The kitchen style and design participate in the atmosphere and ambiance of a dwelling. You, for example, may already have experienced this feeling, when you enter a kitchen and cannot imagine yourself spending time there or cooking. The atmosphere of a kitchen won't be similar if it is composed of warm wooden materials or minimalist grey stone. Therefore, it is essential to consider the desired atmosphere before purchasing the kitchen or changing its design.

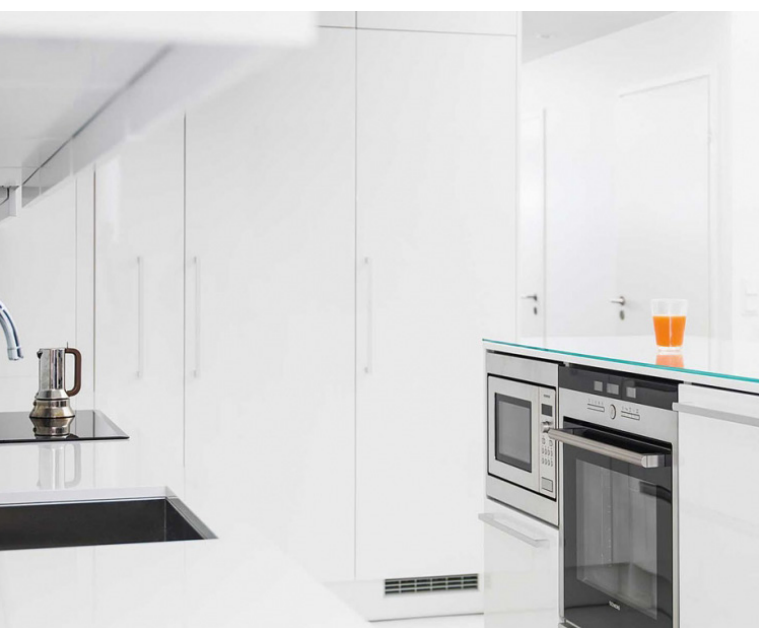


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Associate different materials and style to create an original contemporary design. Some touches of colours, materials or components, like example furniture handles, can also make the difference to renew a space, create a timeless and elegant kitchen and a welcoming living area.



BE CREATIVE





+ Many solutions are available to optimise the space and overpass the constraining features of a room. If possible, an on-measurement kitchen is the best way to use all the existing space and create a comfortable area to cook and spend time. However, it is also possible afterwards to equip a kitchen and make it more flexible.



A MATTER OF SPACE

Design an area does not only include the selection of colours, materials and style but is also a matter of space. Comprehend the space and volume will play an important role to give the final design a uniqueness touch. Indeed, understand the assets and inconveniences of a room by studying the existing factors and shapes will be helpful to organise the area, enhance the room advantages, transform the weaknesses into strengths and by consequence make the space unique. Knowing what it is possible to do will simplify the design and draft of the kitchen. Even the smaller spaces can be equipped with a convenient and pleasant kitchen.



Functionality and ergonomics

The functionality and ergonomics of a kitchen are essential to appreciate the space in everyday use and feel comfortable. It is then significant to organise the kitchen to make it functional and to do so, include into the design the storage spaces, the working areas and the kitchen appliances. Is there a space for a dishwasher? Will the fridge and the oven be installed inside the kitchen cabinet? Is there enough space for cooking accessories and the crockery? Will cupboards be installed above the working surface? Or how to optimise the corner cabinet spaces? These are the questions you might want to answer. These elements will play a role in the appearance of the kitchen but not only. Well-thought, appliance and

accessory positions highly improve ergonomics and flexibility in the kitchen. To optimise the space and to make it easy to circulate, the triangle of activity can be used. This method implies that the sink, the oven and the fridge might be placed away from each other so to form, when possible, a triangle, as the kitchen activity mainly depending on these three elements. However, the ergonomics and functionality of the kitchen can also depend on the size of the room, the organisation possibilities and constraints. Simple components such as water arrival location or plug places also influence the practicality of the kitchen, its pleasant use and its comfort in the future.



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Play with the space to create storage and additional space is the best way to make a kitchen functional. High ceiling allows creating high cupboards to place utensil not often used. The corners can be optimised with Lazy Susans, corner drawers... The centre island of a kitchen is ideal for creating additional shelves. Narrow sliding cabinets can be a great solution to maximize the space and store spices or kitchen towels.





GET INSPIRED





The kitchen design...

Through time, the design industry transformed the traditional looking kitchen and made it evolved into an art piece combining new technologies, materials and styles. Designing a kitchen as a lot to do with personalisation. The choice of materials, colours, finishing and surfaces creates a unique space and on measurement atmosphere. However, the design is not only a question of mixing textures and colours, but it also follows interesting codes and creates styles. Various style design can match a kitchen, depending on the desired rendering and finish. It is also possible to combine different styles. For example, silver linear handles can bring modernity to traditional furniture, wooden cabinet doors with wood knots and round knobs will give rustic characters whereas glossy and wide handle-free cabinets will meet modernity and linearity. It seems easier to design a kitchen when knowing what type of style codes to follow.



... and kitchen styles



But when it comes to the style and the design of the kitchen, it mainly, if not entirely, depends on your tastes. Various materials, technologies, storage options, accessories, finishing, colours and shapes are available to comply with any of your ideas. Our advice would be to arrange the kitchen style to make it match with the rest of the house and create a smooth transition and harmony. Many styles can be created – modern, contemporary, classic, rustic, industrial, rural – and mixed to give a powerful personality to a dwelling

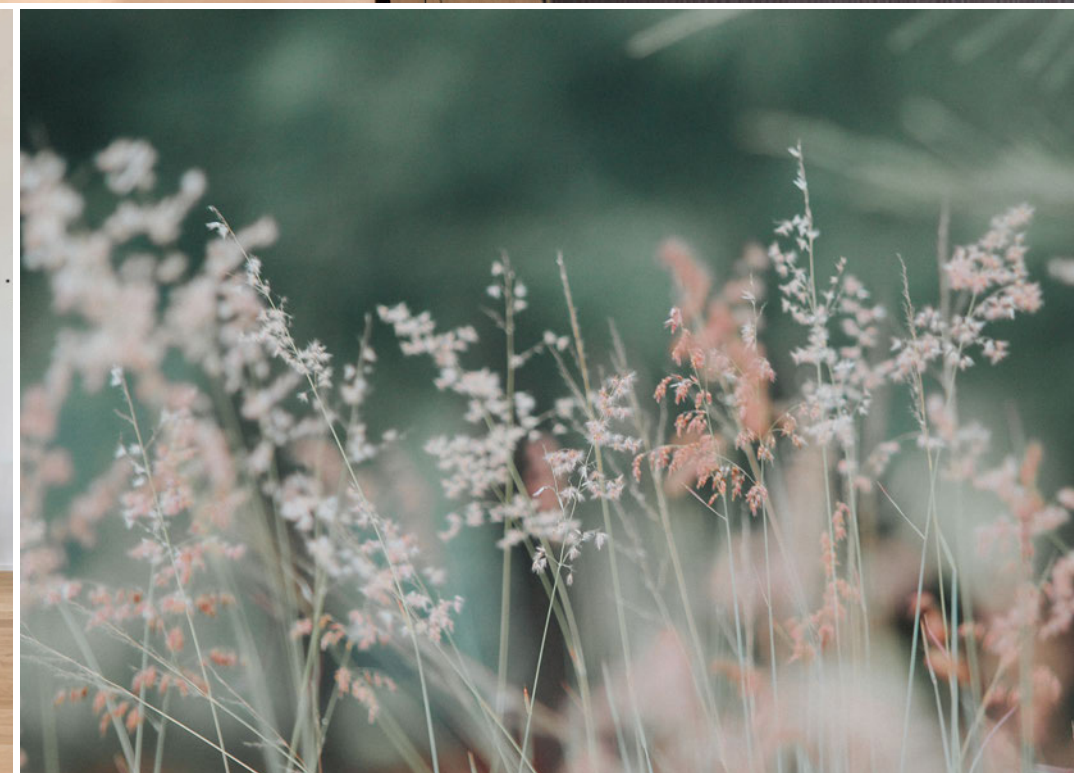


To each kitchen its price

Another essential factor of a new kitchen is the budget. A kitchen is often considered as a consequent expenditure in the arrangement of a home but it is possible to manage this expenditure and benefit from a beautiful and durable kitchen with a reasonable investment. A solution could be to purchase a kit kitchen, usually less expensive than kitchens installed by professionals. The materials also impact the final prices of the kitchen therefore occasional cooks and confirmed chef might not be searching for the same finishing and materials. A durable kitchen is a kitchen made with quality products, including cabinets, cupboards and surfaces, consequently, it is essential not to give the selection of these components a miss but be aware of your needs, wishes and financial capacity.

+ *If the expenditures linked to the kitchen can worry, it is most of the time not necessary to break your piggy-bank and use all your savings. Many affordable materials are available to create a beautiful design and durable kitchen. Use of small accessories, such as light ribbons, matching kitchen utensils or glass jars, can also create elegance and modernity for small amounts.*





2020 tendencies

If some tendencies are on the market since several seasons already, new trends are reaching our houses. The Scandinavian decoration is still highly appreciated. Nature is more and more becoming a source of inspiration to design our kitchens, in terms of colours, but also expression and materials. If the elegant white colour was privileged until now, it is slowly replaced by an eloquent and refine matt black, giving powerful character to the furniture and often associated with natural light wood. Among tendencies, the monochrome kitchen is also gaining some level on the design scale. The without handles cupboards are still trendy. Another change is seen among the kitchen tables, which become thinner. Functionality and conviviality are among the main keywords of 2020 trend. The kitchen tends to be semi-closed instead of open on the rest of the living area, and nice table services are more and more exposed behind glass surfaces. The centre island is still undefeated and continues to embellish our kitchens.

Discover the kitchen range by visiting our website and take a look at our catalogues and brochures. You can also directly contact us to discuss your project!



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