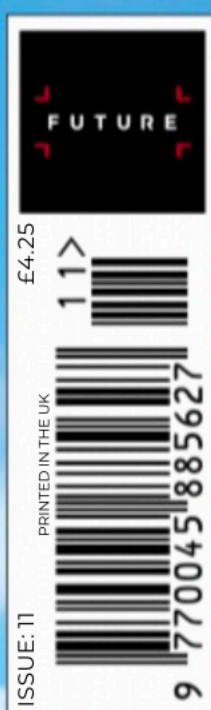


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New designs in the world of kitchens, compiled by Amelia Thorpe



▲ Material magic

Since founding kitchen brand Smallbone some 40 years ago, Charlie Smallbone's passion for striking design has continued apace. Now, he runs bespoke kitchen company Ledbury Studio, offering a personal approach to design and a signature combination of interesting materials. Here, hand-painted cupboards are teamed with verre églomisé splashbacks, fluted glass door panels and a cooker hood wrapped in aged brass. Kitchen prices from £50,000 (020-7566 6794; www.ledburystudio.com)

► Beauty in blue

Celebrating the beauty of quiet shades, Neptune's Chichester kitchen is shown here in Flax Blue. Kitchen prices from £8,000, with Ludlow oak stools, £375 each (01793 934280; www.neptune.com)



▼ On the boil

It seems it's not only Nigella Lawson who appreciates having boiling water on tap for cooking and making tea, given that sales of Quooker's instant 100°C water taps are growing by 50% per year. The Flex boiling-water tap is also equipped with a pull-out hose for hot, cold and filtered water, available in polished chrome, stainless steel and black, from £1,150 (0345 8333 555; www.quooker.co.uk)

