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UNUSUAL TEXTURES, MATERIALS AND FINISHES



A change of colour is an effective way to modify a space; however, as the kitchen is most likely the biggest investment – and the place where a lot of time is spent – consider other ways, such as mixing materials to elevate it from standard to striking.

The Jupiter Slab from Trend Interiors (above) combines both colour and texture. With the look of patination and the feel of natural stone, this is an intriguing island. The green hue in the stone is picked up in the cabinetry behind and the matching worktops tie everything together. Warm textural elements are brought in with a wooden backsplash and terracotta plant pots to accent the island.

The Main Company (left) goes a step further by incorporating stainless steel, concrete, and reclaimed engineered pine for a mishmash of finishes that works. By using a simple palette (browns and greys are repeated throughout) the different layers harmonise instead of fighting for attention. It's a success because of its industrial aesthetic – open shelving and minimalist bar stools keep the room feeling cool rather than confused. ►



(L-R) Pantry with copper front, wine storage unit, larder fridge, glass cabinet interior in Ultramarine Deep, from £50,000, Ledbury Studio



Coral gammon tiles, £144 pr sq.m, Otto Tiles

To really let your natural surfaces sing, pick out a paler worktop like Ashley Ann has (right). The light counter allows the unusual metal to take centre stage. Play with the grey by bringing in a simple pendant light and matching ironmongery.

There's no rule saying you have to stick to a neutral colour palette either. **Ledbury Studio (above) proves that copper and teal are a killer combination. By concentrating the bright hue in one spot, the display cabinet becomes its own moment in the space and the white crockery display pieces.**

If it's a confident, bold statement you want, a mosaic worktop from Lago (bottom right) is an unique and playful design. With this assortment of tiles there's no need to feel under pressure to pick a colour – have them all – and it's ideal for a room that needs an injection of personality. The clear supporting beams counteract the busyness. Not quite as obvious, but still playful, are the Coral Gammon tiles from Otto Tiles (top right). The cement finish beautifully contrasts the backgammon-esque triangular print and makes a statement. Deep green cabinetry and terracotta accessories augment the contemporary theme, while wooden bar stools and brass elements (like the tap and overhead pendant lighting) are subtle, classic additions.



Fusion linear colourful slate with Dekton work surfaces, £POA, Ashley Ann

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