



A good kitchen needs to be many things - a place to cook, eat or entertain and, increasingly, a space to work in, too. It's also the most expensive room to update, so whichever look you choose, you need to know it's going to last. Here are three top trends that are definitely worth investing in

DOUBLE UP

Twin islands are a thing - and we like it! Offering twice the amount of storage and worktop space, they also help zone your kitchen so you can dedicate one island to cooking and entertaining and the other to food prep.



GREY DAZE 1

This year, Shaker-style cabinets have been given a contemporary handle-free update. Sleek black surfaces and appliances bring a modern edge to the soft grey, and the extra-long island creates a smart divide between the kitchen and living area beyond. Marlow True Handleless kitchen, from £3,599, Benchmarx

HAPPY HOUR

If you love entertaining, then including a bar in your kitchen design is a must. For impact, place at the end of a curved peninsula unit, with mirrored panels on either side to make the space feel bigger than it is. Chichester kitchen in Ink, designed as a home bar, from £14,000, Neptune

GLAM ROCKS →

Thanks to the sparkling chandeliers, mirrored splashbacks and sumptuous leather bar stools, this open-plan design looks just as good in the evening for parties as it does during the day. The Ascot kitchen, from £50,000, Ledbury Studio

