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Oxford cabinetry in matt dove grey from Benchmark Kitchens. Prices start from £1284 for an eight-unit kitchen.



# KITCHEN DINERS

If the last 20 months have taught us anything, it's that a kitchen is no longer 'just' that. It's a place where we socialise, work, entertain, play, and more. But how do we ensure our space works for this more versatile way of living? We've put together a collection of real projects to give you some tips and ideas to create your very own adaptable layout >

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## The *non-kitchen* space

If your kitchen is the main place where you not only cook, but relax and entertain as well, creating a softer look by making the cabinetry look less kitchen like can help create a cosier feel. In this Chelsea pied-à-terre, designers at Ledbury Studio were presented with a challenge: despite its relatively compact proportions of 5m x 7m, the homeowners wanted to slot in a well-equipped kitchen, plus distinct dining and living areas. The brief was that the cabinetry should be another piece of furniture in the room, enhancing its overall look while appealing to the owners' eclectic style. To do this, much of the functionality has been hidden behind aged-pewter doors, meaning all you see is a collection of handmade pieces of furniture, which echo other designs elsewhere in the room. This helps the space to morph flexibly between its functions since even when you're dining or lounging in the living area, you have a beautiful view. To further ensure the kitchen is a seamless extension of the neighbouring zone, there are no wall cupboards. Instead, open shelving adds a place for decorative items and keepsakes that add a dose of personality.

**right and above** The brief was for a kitchen that's another piece of furniture. The Metallics Collection kitchen from Ledbury Studio, designed by Charlie Smallbone, is priced from £50,000.

