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Top: Pronorm's X Line handleless kitchen has a 60mm-thick square timber breakfast bar, which contrasts with black granite work surfaces and handleless Ceramic Pearl doors.

These are faced with a 3mm layer of ceramic material with a textured stone finish. Pronorm kitchens start at £18,000. (pronorm.de)

Above: Made from brushed stainless steel, this cantilevered island celebrates form over function, allowing light to circulate around the room, providing worktop space without storage beneath. Price: from £5,000. (enmasseinteriors.co.uk)

Left: The curved edges of this Bali natural walnut central island are mirrored in the ceiling-mounted extractor. Price: from £20,000. (kitchensinternational.co.uk)

Kitchen islands provide valuable workspace, and you don't need a huge kitchen to have one. Even in smaller spaces, an island can help create that all-important working triangle between sink, fridge and stove. Layering up different work surface materials and thicknesses helps to define functional zones, and with such a broad range of materials there is no shortage of choice. Here are a few ideas to help you decide.



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Left: Reclaimed column radiators form the base of this unusual island, which is topped with quartz in concrete with a textured surface of white, grey and blue shaded areas. Price: from £440 per sqm. (geraldculliford.co.uk)

Below: This PureSteel custom-made solid stainless steel work surface is just 8mm thick with a pearl finish. It features a unique glass ceramic coating which is heat resistant up to 300°C and is made using 80 per cent recycled material. (franke.co.uk)



Left: Khalo is a Dekton worktop inspired by Patagonian granite, one of the world's most sought-after stones due to its unique patterns and tones. Khalo has a highly polished finish featuring intense blacks, pale golds and toasted browns. Price: from £450 per sqm. (cosentino.com/en-gb/)

Right middle: The Diesel Open Workshop kitchen was designed in conjunction with lifestyle brand Diesel Living. It is shown here with 'garden walnut' textured melamine doors, Corian worktop and bronze handles, plus ribbed glass drawers and base units. Diesel Open Workshop kitchens are priced from £15,000. (scavolini.design)

Right: The Battersea dark Shaker-style island has an integrated wine rack in light oak. Painted in Sinner from Mylands Paint to achieve a flat matt grey-black finish, the worktops are grey marble-effect Calacatta. Bespoke kitchens start from £35,000. (braverdesign.co.uk)



Above: Ceralsio Pewter is a ceramic surface that replicates the look of stone. It is very hardwearing and comes in natural or textured finishes. Price: from £400 per sqm. (cristone.co.uk)

Below: Bespoke painted tulipwood units, with solid oak interiors, have been teamed with a mix of stainless steel and reclaimed oak worktops to create a vintage industrial look. Prices start from £25,000. (maincompany.com)



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Above: This handcrafted island features a Spekva wooden worktop that hails from Denmark, with cabinets painted in Pebble Grey by Dulux, designed to match the matt concrete floor tiles. Kitchens from £20,000. (harveyjones.com)

Right: The Metallics Collection from Ledbury Studio is designed by Charlie Smallbone, with pewter wall units and zinc island unit, and a Bianco Macaubas Quartzite worktop and splashback. Kitchen prices from £50,000. (ledburystudio.com)

Middle right: The Luxe kitchen island is designed to celebrate natural materials, exploring the tones of oak, gold metal and lava. A Dekton worktop joins with the textured angled island wall that gives way to a breakfast bar. Prices: from £25,000. (life-kitchens.co.uk)

Bottom right: This kitchen was designed by Gavin Hepper Concepts and features an oversized island centrepiece with Staron worktops. The central section rises to reveal additional functions, including a storage or breakfast zone, cooking station with pantry essentials, a study nook with media tech zone, and a bar. Staron is priced from £350 per sqm. (staron.com)



Above: This island has an extendable breakfast bar, and when retracted it accommodates just one chair. This offers enhanced flexibility for smaller kitchens. Prices from £10,000. (homedesign.schmidt)

Below: Radianz is a premium quartz surface that was used to create this monolithic kitchen island. It has a non-porous composite surface, made from vacuum compression moulding which creates a durable, scratch-resistant surface that can also be used for flooring, interior walls, kitchen tops and bathroom furniture. Denali Cloud (pictured) is priced from £280 per sqm, and has an oak breakfast bar. (radianzquartz.eu)

