

## 10 Outdated Kitchen Island Trends to Avoid in 2025 Remodels — And What Designers Are Doing Instead

### 4. PLAIN KITCHEN ISLANDS

It might be tempting to design your kitchen island purely for function. And while you need to carefully work out what you want your island for (storage, seating, appliances, etc), style should be top of the list too. Function alone is definitely passe for your centrepiece!

That's why designers are treating the kitchen island as a true statement piece, rather than letting it fade into the background. So it's time to ditch plain kitchen islands and create a personality-packed piece instead.

"Since the island naturally draws attention and is often one of the most used areas in the kitchen, it deserves thoughtful design that reflects both style and substance," says [Felix Milns](#) of HUX London. "Start by bringing detail to the island through shape and form. Move away from rigid, boxy silhouettes and consider curved edges and more organic shapes to soften the overall look and create a sense of flow."

Layer in decorative details such as fluted or reeded paneling and consider high-impact surfaces such as richly veined marble that add an artisanal touch.

"Ultimately, the goal is to treat your kitchen island not just as a practical workspace, but as a sculptural centrepiece — one that enhances the overall design narrative of your home while offering function, beauty and a touch of the unexpected," Felix adds.



**Felix Milns**

Felix runs HUX London which designs bespoke kitchens, cabinetry and furniture for a wide range of discerning private clients and design professionals.

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