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## DREAMING OF A NEW KITCHEN?

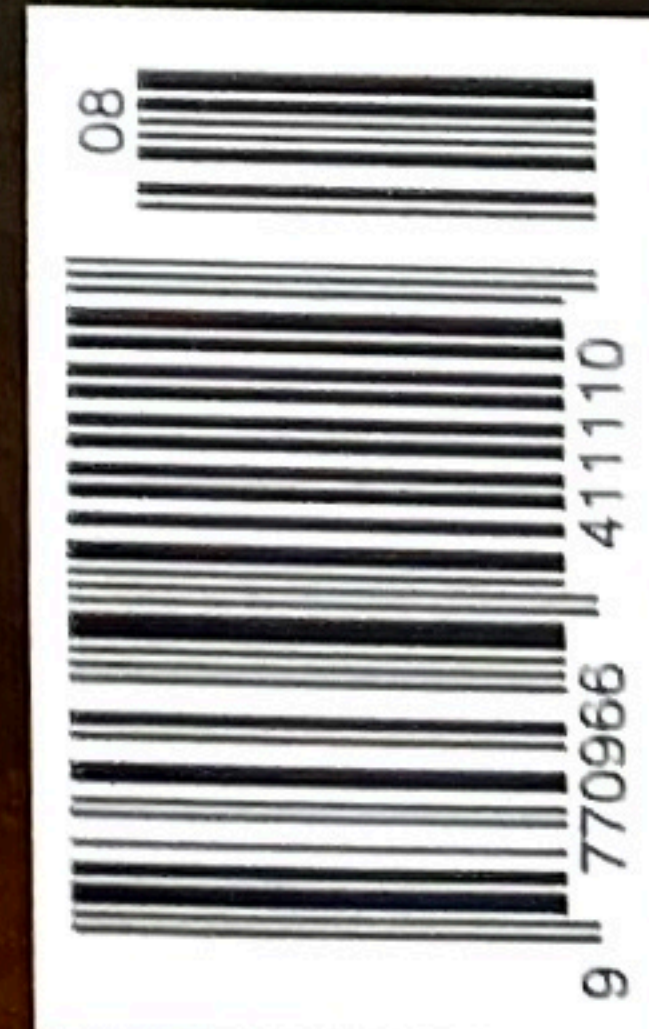
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## INCORPORATE PLUSH SEATING

Think of a kitchen, and seating won't normally be the first thing to spring to mind – unless it comes in the form of bar stools – but if your space allows, why not treat your kitchen area as an extension of your dining or living room, and make it not only a hub to gather in, but a space that provides attractive seating, too? Plush dining seats, often worked into or around an island, instantly create a practical dining area and soften what can often be a lot of hard lines and shiny surfaces.

**right** Elements such as the hanging shelving and banquette seating help to make the Pembrey kitchen range, from *Kitchen Architecture*, feel part of the living space. Kitchens start from £50,000.



**left** A great example of how to combine materials and finishes for a striking look, this island features marble, fluted wood, and a metallic kickplate. The variation in levels also adds detail and practicality. "To further enhance comfort, styling elements such as rugs, curated accessories, and layered lighting are essential. The result is a kitchen that balances performance and beauty, serving as a workspace as well as a sanctuary for daily living," says Felix Milns, founder of *HUX London*.

## MAKE A STATEMENT WITH YOUR ISLAND

Islands that we use to dine, socialise and cook at aren't new to the kitchen scene, but choosing one with real impact is going to up your room's va-va-voom and almost double as a piece of art. Whether it's the materials you use or the design (think unique shapes or an island that incorporates different elements), have fun with it and pick something that you love, that's different to the norm, and that creates a talking point among guests.



## USE WALLS LIKE AN ART GALLERY

If your kitchen accessories are decorative and far too chic to hide away in a cupboard, then consider a whole wall of open shelving to show them off. Whether you choose stylish crockery and glassware, a beautifully curated display of ceramics, or even objects interspersed with artworks, plants, and other decorative pieces, you can really turn your kitchen into your own personal gallery. @

**below** In this kitchen, simple stone, wall-mounted cabinets house the hob and sink, while above it, a fluted wall with shelving creates a backdrop of carefully curated accessories and serveware, helping to showcase the homeowner's love of design. Fusion Beton sintered stone, £137 per m. *Neolith*. Bespoke kitchens from *Kitchens by Holloways* are priced on application.





## Solution two

Felix Milns is the founder of HUX London, a luxury kitchen and joinery brand specialising in bespoke design. He began his career as a journalist reviewing hotels before founding his own architectural, design and build company in 2005, which transitioned into creating HUX London as a standalone brand in 2017.

"The highlight of this kitchen is the sea views, which played a central role in shaping the design. It was essential that Dulcie and her family could embrace the panoramic vistas, ensuring the natural beauty outside became an integral part of life inside. The result is a space that feels open and deeply personal.

At the heart of the design is a centrally positioned island. It offers uninterrupted views to the sea when preparing meals, washing up, or pausing to enjoy the moment. But it is more than a viewing platform. It provides generous built-in storage, while also serving as a welcoming hub. The island is the perfect stage for shared activities, from informal conversations to baking sessions.

Along one side of the kitchen, a bank of floor-to-ceiling cabinetry brings balance and sophistication. These units provide essential storage in a sleek, cohesive form, accentuated

by refined brass detailing that adds a touch of understated luxury. Within this cabinetry, a seating nook is made for quiet reflection.

The palette reinforces the connection to the coastal setting, with soft greys, teal blues, and fresh whites reflecting the sea and sky beyond the windows. These tones imbue the room with a sense of calm, while introducing timber finishes that lend an organic, tactile quality.

On the opposite wall, the cooking area features an integrated extractor fan by Westin concealed within the same micro Shaker-style detailing that spans the two doors. Flanking the Smeg range cooker, open shelving adds visual lightness, with chevron grooved backs that mirror the texture of the seating nook.

Dulcie has some budget flexibility, which opens the door to a number of enhancements. She could consider adding an inset deco detail inside the Shaker door frame, or, to keep the

space tidy, internal accessories, such as cutlery organisers and pull-out storage. Additionally, refining the island with a curved edge would soften its silhouette, adding a bespoke finish."

**DULCIE'S VERDICT:** "I love the clean lines of this design, and the calm colours. Thoughtful touches, such as the subtle brass handles, dark wood stools, and integrated lighting all help to create a gorgeous look. I often invite individual clients or small teams to work with me to get inspired by the view, so tea on tap via the Quooker is a great idea. This kitchen suits my need for fun with the family, while being a sophisticated space for clients."

The floor-to-ceiling units hiding the utility look smart, but I wasn't sure if the cupboards at the top are usable. The nook is beautiful, though; you can see the sea and a sliver of beach from that tiny spot in the kitchen." 🌊



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DULCIE, HOMEOWNER

### THE BRIEF

- 1 This will be the couple's forever home for their retirement. It has planning permission for a **dormer and balcony** to make the most of the **sea views**, and they plan to **knock through a wall** in the kitchen.
- 2 They'd like **Shaker-style** furniture with a **slim profile**, **blues and white**, and **high-level cupboards** with a ladder to reach them. Dulcie often sees clients at home, and expects her and Jamie's five children and subsequent grandchildren to visit, so the **space should be flexible**.
- 3 She likes to bake but the apartment sits on the top floor, which may prevent their Everhot **range cooker** from being brought up the stairs, so would like something similar. Adequate **preparation space**, a **boiling water tap**, and 'surprises' like a breakfast larder are also musts.
- 4 She'd like floor-to-ceiling units that hide a **utility space** in the kitchen.

### SOURCEBOOK

**Design and furniture** HUX London  
**Worktops** Stone World  
**Appliances** Bosch; Quooker; Smeg; Westin

### THE COSTS

**Furniture** £36,328.80  
**Work surfaces** £5,497.20  
**Appliances, sinks and taps** £8,612.40  
**Total** £50,438.40