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free and easy

Go back to basics and create your dream kitchen with freestanding elements for the unfitted look that will offer the ultimate in cooking and dining versatility.

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Whether you prefer modern or traditional, there is a place for freestanding furniture in any kitchen. It's a statement of individuality, which can reflect the personality of your home while achieving the perfect balance of form and function. As open-plan living is now extremely popular, it provides the perfect opportunity for co-ordinating kitchen furniture with that in the living or dining area. A freestanding dresser, for example, works well with a hand-painted kitchen while a mobile island can fit within a contemporary or classic scheme.

Wooden furniture lends itself particularly well to a country-style setting with a multifunctional cook's table as the focus of the room. For those who prefer a more industrial-look, modules in lacquer with metallic frames can be added to and enhanced as your needs change.



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above Just perfect for a light-filled, country-style space, deVOL's freestanding kitchen is painted in tones of Tea Tree and Georgian 23. Topped with maple and Balmoral Red granite and with a Farmhouse table that's ideal for family gatherings, expect to pay from £14,000 for a similar bespoke design. Tel: 01509 261000. www.devolkitchens.co.uk

below Hand - crafted using traditional joinery techniques, Fired Earth's oak Bastide furniture features lacquered solid oak worktops and a fresh, cream-painted finish. The Belfast sink unit costs £3095, the Butcher's block, £1195, the table, £1195, and chairs, £260 each. Tel: 0845 366 0400. www.fireearth.com



“The best thing about most of these designs is that you can take them with you if you move, so are a great investment.”

interpreted these as modular units with a contemporary feel. Stuart Clarkson, Design Manager at Second Nature, explains, “The use of freestanding furniture is perfect for creating a sense of openness whilst retaining a mood that is quite informal. It's also great for achieving workstations for specific tasks, in both small and large kitchens.”

above Part of the exclusive Xera range at Rhode Design, the versatile Dry-Wet stainless steel and Parapan® kitchen includes a large freestanding table with powerful five-burner hob, two sinks with an industrial-style tap and a working area with sliding board system. Easy to clean and sure to be a favourite of lovers of clutter-free minimalism in the cooking zone, expect to pay from around £16,000. Tel: 020 7354 9933. www.rhodedesign.co.uk