



The word on... *kitchens*

Cooking, entertaining, eating, living – it all happens in the kitchen these days. Make sure the heart of your home is equipped for all its many uses

kitchen news...



Show your stripes...

Use fabrics to add colour to your kitchen. Simple touches, like a collection of pretty tea towels hung on hooks, will bring the room to life. Habitat's Burton range contains aprons, napkins and tablecloths as well as these classic tea towels, priced at £6 for three.



Above left Measuring spoons, £17.50, Nigella Lawson at Bliss. *Right* Wesco Stovetop Kettle, £49.95, Cucina Direct. *Below* Butcher's Block, from £890, deVOL. *Below left* Bibcock taps, £174.42, Brass and Traditional Sinks.



"An island unit makes a good focal point – people naturally gather round it" Chris Glenister, Chalon

ISLAND LIVING...

The island unit is now a frequent sight in our kitchens. Evolving from the traditional chopping block, the island as we know it today was pioneered by Smallbone as part of their Unified Kitchen collection in 1986, designed by Johnny Grey. It has developed into a multi-purpose food prep area, often also serving as a breakfast bar. In fact some people are now choosing to have two islands – one for preparation and one for dining. This kitchen by Chalon

(prices start at £30,000) features a classic island unit that combines storage and display areas with a roomy worktop and handy sink. "We try to keep our island units within a traditional look," says Chris Glenister of Chalon, "although nowadays you can incorporate all sorts of things – dishwashers, sinks, hobs, extraction units, practically anything." As a guide, you should allow at least one metre of space around your island in order for movement in the kitchen to be comfortable.



DIRECTORY

When it comes to equipping your kitchen there's a multitude of companies to choose from. Let our guide take the leg work out of your search



A good range of refrigeration products including drawers, wine storage and icemakers.

Wall The Westye Group, 6B Impino Park, Lenthall Road, Deben, Essex IG10 3UF. Tel 020 8418 3800. www.westye.co.uk
Serious, professional kitchen cooking appliances.

Zanussi-Electrolux Through John Lewis. Tel 0845 6049049. www.zanussi-electrolux.co.uk
A range of appliances with classic, colourful or stainless steel style.

COMPLETE KITCHENS

Aldenham 3 High Street, Twyford, Berkshire RG10 9AB. Tel 0118 970 6771. www.aldenham.info
Made to measure furniture, individually produced to order.

Alternative Plans 4 Hester Road, Battersea, London SW11 4AN. Tel 020 7228 6460. www.alternative-plans.co.uk
Architectural interiors, focusing on design that transcends fashion.

Andrew Macintosh Furniture 462-464 Chiswick High Road, London W4 5TT. Tel 020 8995 8333. www.andrewmacintoshfurniture.co.uk. Designers of the original Shaker kitchens, offering simple and affordable furniture for those seeking that individual look.

Artichoke Hartswood, Long Lane, Wrington, Bristol BS40 5SP. Tel 01934 863840. www.artichoke-uk.com. Cabinet makers specialising in designing and making quality kitchens and furniture.

Barnes of Ashburton 24A West Street, Ashburton, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 7DU. Tel 01364 653613. www.barnesofashburton.com
Specialist in countryhouse, farmhouse and cottage kitchens.

Bascomb & Drew Keepphatch Farmhouse, Clover Close, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 5PU. Tel 0118 989 0700. www.bascombdraw.com
Functional designs from classically restrained to unashamedly urban.

The Bespoke Kitchen Company Unit 4d Airport Industrial Estate, Kingston Park, Newcastle NE3 2EF. Tel 0191 271 5800. www.thebespokekitchencompany.com. Handcrafted kitchens in traditional and contemporary designs to suit individual tastes.

Brontë Furniture The Old Granary, Home Farm Yard, Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire NN7 1LF. Tel 01604 696772. www.brontefurniture.com
Handcrafted furniture using traditional methods and the finest natural materials.

Brookmans 21 Portland Business Park, Richmond Park Road, Sheffield S13 8HT. Tel 0114 280 0970. www.brookmans.co.uk
Innovative designs in a wide variety of timber and paint techniques.

Chalon Hambridge Mill Hambridge, Somerset TA10 0BP. Tel 01458 254600. www.chalon.com. While mainly English in style, the designs are influenced by France, Scandinavia

and Ireland and all are finished with their distressed paint technique.

Chamber Furniture The Old Timber Yard, London Road, Halstead, Kent TN14 7DZ. Tel 01959 532553. www.chamberfurniture.co.uk
Innovative and sympathetic designs.
Chiselwood Fossdyke House, Gainsborough Road, Saxby, Lincoln LN1 2JH. Tel 01522 704446. www.chiselwood.co.uk
Kitchen designer of the year 2006.

Clive Christian 164 Brompton Road, London SW3 1HW. Tel 01204 702200. www.clive.com. *Luxury kitchens and forward thinking designs.*
Cotteswood of Oxfordshire Station Road, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire OX7 5XN. Tel 01608 641858. www.cotteswood.co.uk
Inspired by traditional English furniture design and incorporating the latest kitchen technology.

Crabtree Kitchens 17 Station Road, Barnes, London SW13 0LF. Tel 020 8392 6955. www.crabtreekitchens.co.uk
Handmade kitchens from a family-run business.

deVOL 16 High Street, Quorn, Leicestershire LE12 8DT. Tel 01509 620620. www.devolkitchens.co.uk
Beautifully finished, cabinet made furniture for kitchens.

Edwin Loxley Belgrave Road, Bulwell, Nottingham NG6 8HG. Tel 0115 9758168. www.edwinloxley.co.uk. *Creative furniture made using natural timbers.*

Farmhouse Kitchens The Barn, 38 Main Street, Farnfield, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG22 8EA. Tel 01623 882288. www.farmhouse-kitchens.co.uk
Handmade designs in keeping with period character.

Fired Earth Teyford Mill, Oxford Road, Adderbury, Near Banbury, Oxfordshire OX17 3SX. Tel 01295 812088. www.firedearth.com
A design service for quality bespoke kitchens. The company also has exclusive rights to Shaker designs.

Greenwich Woodworks Friendly Place, Lewisham Road, London SE13 7QS. Tel 020 8694 8449. www.greenwichwoodworks.co.uk
Renowned for their Shaker kitchens and the accuracy of their Edwardian, Victorian and Georgian joinery.

Habitat 96-199 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 7PJ. Tel 020 7631 3880. www.habitat.net
Create your ideal kitchen from a wide range of designs.

Harvey Jones 137 Essex Road, Islington, London N1 2NR. Tel 020 7288 9730. www.harveyjones.com
Adaptable styles made to order, based on two versatile ranges.

Holloways of Ludlow 140 Corve Street, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 2PG. Tel 01584 876207. www.hollowaysofludlow.com
The company places an emphasis on sourcing the best period items for their bespoke kitchens.

Holme Tree 29 Wood Street, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 1EL. Tel 01530 564 561. www.holmetree.co.uk. *A complete*

service using handcrafted furniture that is built to please the eye.

Hunt Bespoke Kitchens and Interiors Charlton House Farm, The Drying Shed, Hinton in the Hedges NN13 5LH. Tel 0800 3217047. www.huntbespokekitchens.com
A full kitchen design service. Appliances can also be sourced.

Jasper & Co The Valdoe, Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 0PJ. Tel 01243 774411. www.jasperco.co.uk
Individually designed cabinets, handmade to last a lifetime.

John Lewis of Hungerford 156-158 Wandsworth Bridge Road, Fulham, London SW6 2UH. Tel 020 7371 5603. www.john-lewis.co.uk

Practical, high quality and reasonably priced Artisan kitchens.
Johnny Grey Frying Copse, Frying Lane, Rogate, Hampshire GU31 5DH. Tel 01730 821424. www.johnnygrey.co.uk

Contemporary and original designs to suit modern living.
Keith Gray & Co Great Priory Farm, Baintree, Essex CM17 5BQ. Tel 01376 324590. www.keithgray.co.uk. *Functional and beautiful handmade timber furniture, individually crafted to order.*

Marcus Paul Unit 1 Greaves Way, Off Sandbridge Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 8UB. Tel 01525 376133. www.marcuspaul.co.uk
From free design consultation all the way through to installation and aftercare.