



Fitting your cabinetry, worktops and storage into an L shape leaves the remainder of your kitchen free to be decorated as you wish. Here, units on two sides of the room allow for an uncluttered look on the opposite wall, enhancing the sense of space. Statement wallpaper by the door and the window surrounds adds a designer touch, without it being overly fussy. Sola Kitchens' Bolmen range is priced from £26,000

2 Break up an L-shaped kitchen by painting units in different colours to create a freestanding look. This bespoke design includes a double-bowl French farmhouse sink, oiled teak worktops and wrought-iron handles. Thomas & Thomas kitchens are priced from £30,000

Tall units are ideal for framing those built-in appliances you want to show

- and hiding those you don't, while integrated handles avoid any distraction from the minimalist design. SieMatic S2 cabinetry in Havana Brown and Caramel Maple, priced from £15,000
- 4 A sloping roof becomes a design feature in this light and airy scheme. Breakfronting in both the sink run and in the cooking area also adds interest to this traditional design. A dresserstyle, countertop unit with glass shelves and door panels continues the country theme. **G440 cabinetry by** Porcelanosa, priced from £20,000



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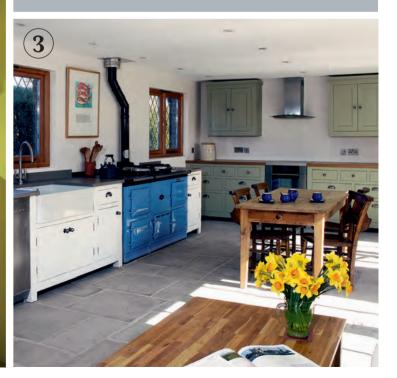


1 Here, the L neatly hugs two walls but there's still enough space left over for a family-size dining table. Having the cabinetry, shelving, sill, chairs and table all painted in a similar shade links the decor, while stronger colours on the walls provide an element of contrast, without it being overpowering. Abbey Oyster kitchen from Christies, priced from £7,000

2 Combining tall cupboards with floor and wall units creates an L with a difference, as shown in this Paine design. A mixture of cabinets and drawers make storing pans, pots and general paraphernalia a breeze, while under-cabinet lighting is practical, as well as pretty. Paine cabinetry, by Wren Kitchens, costs from £1,560

3 L-shaped or not L-shaped? This painted-oak scheme from Higham Furniture features a long and short run of units forming an L. However, a space in between the cupboards gives the scheme a freestanding feel. The non-fitted look is further emphasised by the use of different colours on the cabinets, as well as worktops in both oak and CaesarStone. Higham Furniture kitchens, from £9,600

Curves soften the look of an L-shape layout – here, they're present at the end of the run on both the floor and wall cabinets, the plinth and the granite worktop. In this design, warm light-oak cabinetry contrasts well with the vibrant, lime-green walls. Tate by Stoneham Kitchens, from £20,000



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Taking the L shape to a new level, this Warendorf Swing kitchen focuses the eye on the wall, as well as

while the wall-mounted units harmonise the design.

the floor. The peninsula appears to be floating,

Swing by Warendorf is priced from £20,000

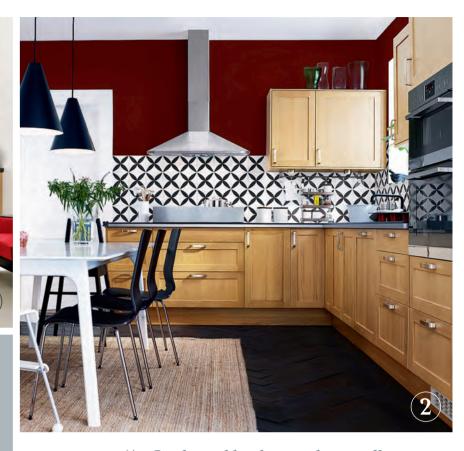


Give a wood-effect kitchen an edge with statement wall finishes. Here, an Ikea kitchen, featuring Tidaholm oak-veneer doors, is brought to life with a splashback made up of patterned monochrome tiles. The red walls provide a modern contrast to the more traditional cabinet design. Ikea Tidaholm doors are priced from £34

3 An L-shape ending in a breakfast bar provides informal

dining space for the family, or somewhere to enjoy a coffee with friends. Taking its cue from the colourful bar stools, the red Intaglio glass splashback works well with both the cream worktop and oak cabinetry. Priced from £12,000 at Kitchens International

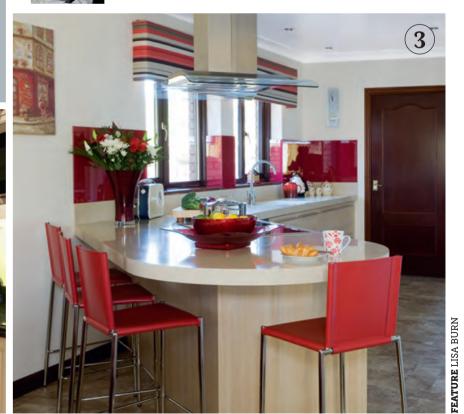
Black pearl granite worktops and upstand add a classic monochrome aspect to this hand-painted tulipwood Georgian kitchen from Davonport. A butler sink is incorporated into the run of base units without interrupting the flow of the cabinetry, while the L-shaped layout fits snugly into the available space. Davonport Georgian kitchens, priced from £32,000





'An L-shaped kitchen makes excellent use of space — it's practical, too, as the working triangle can be easily established'

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of the home but part of a wider space, also.

Shown here in Hornbeam with white lacquer wall cabinets, a 600mm base unit starts from £170

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