

COOL TRENDS FOR **hot** kitchens

Thinking of renovating your kitchen? It's important to be up to date with the latest trends so your kitchen is a leader in the style stakes as well as incredibly functional

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Top 10 kitchen trends from Kitcheners Kitchens

As creators of innovative kitchen spaces in homes around Australia, Kitcheners Kitchens is at the forefront of both local and international trends. Technology and design have grown exponentially over the past 10 years with customer needs evolving to reflect the unique space a kitchen holds in the home.

Members of the Kitcheners Kitchens team attend Eurocucina in Milan every two years to identify the latest and greatest in kitchen design and trends. As is the case with fashion, Australia follows Europe's lead in kitchen trends and the directional fair is the foundation for providing the most innovative ideas and spaces.



1 Drawers

The average number of drawers in a kitchen has increased from 5.2 to 14.2 in the past decade as people use more drawers in kitchen spaces for easy storage and convenience.

2 Smart cabinetry

Handleless kitchens and hidden shelves are very popular and make the space more user-friendly.



3 Interesting lighting

For both practical and visual reasons, lighting concepts in kitchens is becoming a focus with glass shells, internal cupboards, pantry lighting, wall units and mood lighting all popular options.

4 White kitchens

Australians love having white kitchens and this is a trend that will continue. A white kitchen creates a bright, fresh space in the home and is something Kitcheners Kitchens receives many requests for.

5 Benchtops

The current trend for benchtops is for super-thick but a change to super-thin is coming through.



6 Crossing the divide

There's a blurring of the line between kitchen and living spaces in the home with a trend towards creating a flow between the two areas with floor materials and different cabinetry heights to create a common space for entertaining and sharing meals.



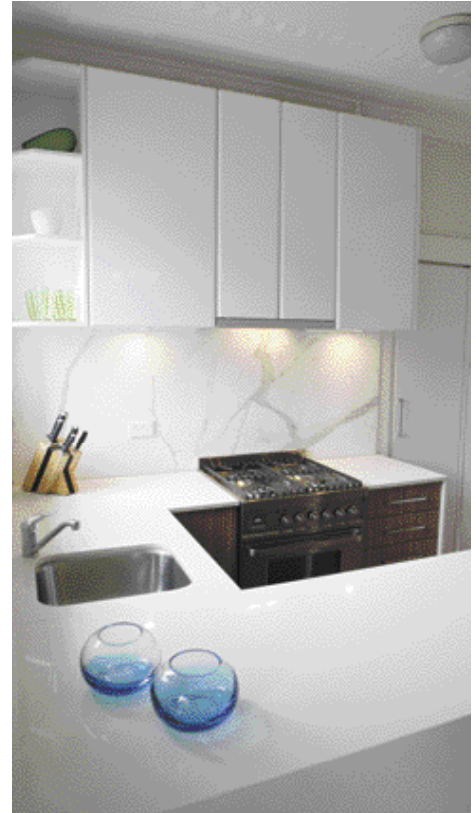
7 Open space

A strong trend emerging for kitchen design is to create a lot of open space, which can be achieved through the use of drawers, cupboards and less permanent fixtures to ensure a minimalist, clutter-free area.



8 Surfaces

The use of natural stones and timber veneers as materials for surfaces is strong in kitchen design for both practicality and visual reasons.



9 Floating shelves and cabinetry

As one of the international trends, floating shelving and cabinetry creates a minimalist look in a kitchen space.



10 Blum Technology

Each kitchen has more than 360 different operations, workflows and journeys each day and over the average lifespan of a kitchen (20 years) this amounts to 2.6 activities. The Blum Dynamic Space principle identifies five core zones to consider during the kitchen design process to ensure maximum efficiency within the space using different elements and storage solutions.