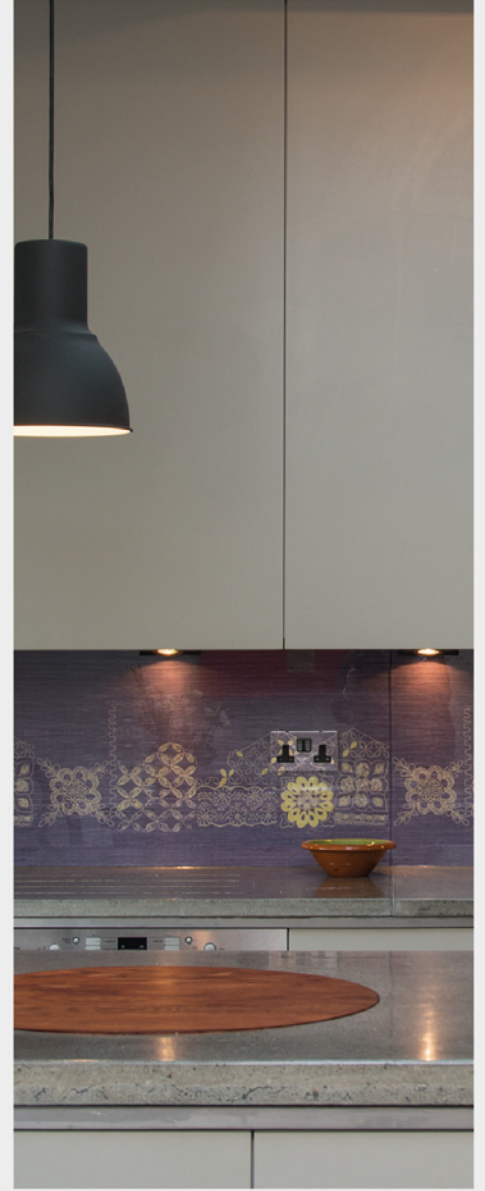


How to create a *stylish kitchen*



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Taking inspiration from kitchens that bring in **bold and bright** looks to those more **natural and simple**, here's 5 easy ways to create your dream scheme and a stylish kitchen full of personality. From award winning glass splashback designer, Emma Britton.

For the past 11 years Emma has seen inside and transformed kitchens everywhere with her style advice and signature, day to day designer looks. From **arranging your homewares** to **painting walls in rich colours**, it's always the **finishing touches** that transform showroom kitchens into **warm, liveable spaces** at the heart of your home.

Here are Emma's top tips for giving your kitchen a stylish, homely aesthetic to enjoy every day.

designer's note:

“ *Shiny, showroom kitchens are often designed to include lots of hard surfaces and appliances for the wow factor, but they can often feel too sterile in real homes.*

Try styling your shelves with favourite objects, adding a rich wall colour or a statement splashback to warm things up. You can still keep things clean and minimal or be bold and maximalist whilst maintaining the integrity of your kitchen design. ”



bold & bright



1 Painting a wall in a rich colour will add warmth and personality to your kitchen and can be easily updated when you fancy a change.

Left: Garden inspired bespoke splashback

Below: Bright Lights splashback from the HomeGrown collection

2 Backlit glass fronted cabinets are a nice way to show off some of your favourite homewares, layering in more pattern, colour and texture into your kitchen.

Below: Whimsical bespoke splashback



“ Open shelving is a stylist's dream. I absolutely love them. 3

The beauty of open shelves is that you can be really playful and creative. Mix granny's vintage mixing bowl with your latest craft fair find; your trusty Le Creuset and John Lewis staples.

The key to making a shelf work is in the curation, try choosing multiples of the same object like a collection of jugs. Or put together different shapes and colours that work well.

The bright homewares on the shelf in this kitchen look great and complement the range cooker and wall colour. ”

Right: Watercolour in Ebony from the Maple collection

Below Left: Bright Lights from the HomeGrown collection

Below Right: Foxglove from the Up the Garden Path collection



natural & simple



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Pair textures and tones together for a cohesive look. Think beyond your floors, walls and splashback and into the cookware you choose. Functional accessories, even a bowl of inviting citrus fruit, add personality to your kitchen.

Left: Sunset splashback from the GLASSHOUSE collection

Below Right: Bespoke version of Sunset splashback

Below Left: Mint Geo in Maple splashback from the Maple collection



Emma
loves...

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The wooden spoon here looks gorgeous with the raw cast concrete worktop. The homemade jam adds to the rustic feel. Imagine a collection of beautiful wooden serving spoons in a gorgeous vessel on this worktop.

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Plants are an obvious choice for a kitchen, bringing life and vitality to it every time. They're proven to for their ability to improve mood and wellbeing, especially if you're stuck indoors on a grey day! Think about the pots you choose, this terracotta matches the worktop beautifully.

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Right: Plant Life in White splashback from GLASSHOUSE collection



...Glass pots look lovely and modern. Or try a selection with beautiful patterns.

Above: Willow and Red Admiral splashback from the GLASSHOUSE collection

kitchen planning checklist

If you're working on the design of a new kitchen, here's a handy checklist full of **Emma's** top tips.

Print it out to help you plan!

Create a **moodboard** of all the kitchens you like. You can **organise them by theme** with Pinterest or cut and stick your favourites. Dream big, ideas can be interpreted to suit your budget.



Think about **what you really want**, what is non-negotiable and what is nice to have?

Decide on your **budget**.



Get some **quotes**, don't forget to explore **independent kitchen showrooms** that aren't always more expensive and can be great overall value for money.

Choose your **kitchen designer or builder**. Pick someone who really understands your needs and that you feel you can work with. A new kitchen is a big project so a **good relationship that has natural synergy** is crucial.



When you have an overall design, your kitchen designer will be able to advise you on whether any of your **key services** need to be moved. You might need help from a builder, plumber or electrician. Fully fitted kitchen companies sometimes project manage these aspects for you and charge accordingly.

Once you have your kitchen design sorted you can think about the **flooring, splashbacks, cabinet and paint colours**.

Emma's recommendation: think about these as early in the process as you can.



Hire your tradespeople or instruct your fitted kitchen company.



For **splashbacks**, think about whether you're having **up-stands**? And if you need to move any sockets or have taps fitted before or after for an easy splashback installation.

Think about **lead-times**, so you can co-ordinate all the elements.



Once your dream kitchen is installed, live with it for a little while and then start **adding in the fun bits**, stylish touches and accessories!



Far Left: Woodland inspired bespoke splashback, kitchen by Angus+Mack.

Left: China in Cherry splashback from the Maple collection

Get in touch today

about a new Emma Britton designer made glass splashback for your kitchen.

Choose a pattern from one of the collections or work on a bespoke piece with Emma.

Suitable for behind your hob or sink, along your worktop and up-stands. You can have worktop savers, glass windowsills, place mats and more made to match or complement your splashback pattern.

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