

Kitchens for Life - Made in Germany

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It goes without saying that making the most of the space in your home is crucial. Whether your house is big or small, it's essential to make the rooms appear as spacious and un-cluttered as possible.



It's important in every room but none more so than in the kitchen, every square inch needs to be utilised without compromising the stylish kitchen that you and your family deserve. German kitchens demonstrate this effortless, simple design perfectly using many design secrets to give the illusion of space in your kitchen. Here are 9 design hacks to consider when planning your kitchen with your kitchen designer.

## 1. TIME TO REFLECT



Here's the science bit...light colours reflect light and dark colours absorb it. It's an optical illusion really, but using pale colours that reflect the light back into the room will give the feeling of a large, airy space. Soft tones of off-white, blue or green will work best.

## 2. SHINE ON



Having lights under your wall units, not only helps you see what you're doing (you don't want to draw blood over your nice new kitchen) but it also helps give the illusion of space. The lights shine down onto the worktop visually elongating the space between the worktop and the wall units.

### 3. LESS IS MORE



Using tall tower units where you can, will give the impression of higher ceilings. The eye is drawn up to the ceiling in one continual line which tricks the brain into thinking the room is taller than it actually is. Also, use full height base units with hidden internal drawers and consider replacing two base units with wide, deep drawers which will visually elongate the space. In summary, don't use two doors when you can use one.

### 4. TO TILE OR NOT TO TILE, THAT IS THE QUESTION

Glass splashbacks are a great alternative to tiles. You can have glass splashbacks in almost any colour and they can really transform your kitchen as well as giving the impression of more space. Glass reflects light which helps towards the illusion of space and having a solid colour between the worktop and wall units (with no grout lines) enhances that illusion.



## 5. DON'T GET TUNNEL VISION

Keep tall units away from the entrance of the kitchen. Installing them up to the architrave will really enclose the entrance and it will feel like you're walking through a tunnel into your kitchen. It's much more appealing to have an open aspect as you walk into the room.



## 6. LET THERE BE LIGHT



If you have the luxury of extending your home before you plan your new kitchen, consider installing bi-fold doors, a vaulted ceiling or a lantern roof.

Incorporating as much glass as possible will give

your dream kitchen a fresh, light, airy feel. When you open bi-fold doors, you create a free-flow from the inside through to the outside, instantly multiplying the area of your kitchen. A vaulted ceiling with skylights or a lantern roof also looks stunning and gives you height, light and space.



## 7. PURE AND SIMPLE



Handle-less slab doors not only look contemporary but also help with the appearance of space. Handles and detailing on the front of doors break up the area of solid colour and draw the eye to each separate door rather than tricking it into thinking that it's one continual expanse. A true German Handle-less Kitchen incorporates a visible rail behind the door giving you room to get your fingers behind it. The more common 'J-Profile' door has a groove in the top of the door which can be a bit fiddly to open, especially on drawers and dishwashers.

## 8. GO TOPLESS



Ever wondered why you don't see cornice and pelmet on German kitchens? Well, it's just unnecessary embellishment on the top and bottom of the wall units and goes against the simple style that German kitchens are renowned for. Without cornice and pelmet, you're able to see the maximum amount of wall colour

giving you the maximum illusion of space. To make the heart of your home feel as big as possible, think clean lines and minimum fuss.

## 9. NICE SHOES



We all know that hanging mirrors on a wall makes a room look bigger, well imagine if you had mirrored plinths? Not only can you admire your Jimmy Choos, your floor is going to be reflected giving the appearance of a floor space twice the size... clever stuff.

## Conclusion

Incorporating these 9 hacks into your kitchen design will not only maximise the illusion of space but also give your kitchen the wow factor it deserves...

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