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ASK THE DESIGNER...

WITH INCREASING INTEREST IN THE KITCHEN AS AN ESSENTIAL SPACE IN THE HOME HOW, AS A DESIGNER, DO YOU MAXIMISE ON SPACE WHEN SQUARE FOOTAGE IS AT A MINIMUM?



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ANNA GRACE-DAVIDSON
Anna Casa

In a kitchen with limited space it works to your advantage to use lighter colours on walls and floors matching this with shiny finishes and polished metals, giving the illusion of more space. I love using wall cabinets with a reflective mirror finish, they give a sense of depth and reflect light. Create a more open and practical environment by installing efficient built in cupboards and cabinets to save room and provide elegant storage.

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KELLY HOPPEN
Kelly Hoppen Interiors

Kitchens should be comfortable and stunning, yet ergonomically functional to use. In smaller kitchens, find out what tasks clients will be carrying out most in the space and prioritise features based on what is realistic. Use strategically placed lighting, such as up lighters, which can work wonders in making rooms appear more spacious. In kitchens a great trick is to use sleek, lacquered surface finishes which reflect light wonderfully.

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CLARE PASCOE
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As the optimum space between the work surfaces is 900-1200mm, small spaces can deliver more efficient and successful kitchens than large spaces. The kitchen triangle, encompassing cooker, fridge and sink, has long been a kitchen design staple, but reality is more complex, and what we really need is a kitchen star. Islands are still high on client wish lists, but they are fast realising that a kitchen does not need an island with bar stools used instead for more effective storage.

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MILA PODIABLONSKA
Absolute Interior Décor

A kitchen can be one of the most challenging spaces to design, especially a small one. Functionality comes first, the oven and the hob should be within easy reach of the sink and fridge. By using textured wood, glass or white lacquer for face doors, combined with a light colour composite will keep the space feeling light and spacious.

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REBECCA TUCKER
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Use tall wall cabinets that fit all the way to the ceiling, eliminating the wasted space between cabinet and ceiling. There are many corner solutions available, which allow maximum use of any difficult areas within cupboards. Integrate microwaves into your units, or better still, install a combi oven that can do both jobs and frees up countertop space. A hot water tap is another way of freeing up worktop space, avoiding trailing leads and kettles.

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