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# MINIMALISM IN THE KITCHEN - THE BARE FACTS

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PARING down your cooking space has nothing to do with skimping on style, or function.

In fact, cooking up a minimalist kitchen means different things to different people. For some, it is all about having plenty of concealed storage, so countertops are free of clutter.

Other people embrace minimalism as a decor aesthetic punctured by plain, flat-front cabinetry and luxurious stone waterfall islands.

Speaking in terms of practicality, it is all about creating a modest and uncluttered space with budget essentials. Even those obsessed with maximalist style have their own unique take on the simplified cooking space.

However, it is important not let other people's personal choices

confuse you. Here we attempt to sort through the broad range of styles that encapsulate the minimalist kitchen.

## Minimalist kitchen with a modernist dining set

Clean lines and warm accents can be used to define a minimalist cooking space such as the one featured on Page 9 by Mosaic Design & Remodelling.

Gray quartz countertops and a rectilinear white tile backsplash add serenity. Cabinets and accents in dark walnut lend a hand-hewn feel to the kitchen.

Fixtures and furniture, such as the hand-blown smoke glass lighting and a tulip style dining set give the room some mid-century flare that feels both fresh and modern.

In some spaces, the trick for creating a neat and tidy kitchen is

*This minimalist kitchen features Shaker-inspired cabinetry, while quartz worktops and stainless steel appliances create a sleek finish with a modern vibe.*



*This luxurious kitchen by interior design company, Britto Charette features stainless steel combined with high-end marble in the food preparation areas.*





*Maximising square footage for practical use is a key feature of the minimalist kitchen.*



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plenty of storage—here it takes the form of contemporary, flat-fronted cabinetry.

**Kitchen With Room for Style and Function**

Minimalist cooking spaces are all about making less feel like more, according to interior designer, Fiona Leonard.

Her version of the aesthetic is all about keeping surfaces free of extraneous stuff by giving kitchen tools and countertop appliances a specific place inside cabinets.

She also finds that having a white kitchen with a few simple pops of colour and natural textures creates the illusion of calm.

You can undoubtedly combine moody colours, natural textures and dramatic patterns into a pared-down kitchen.

Natural wood accents epitomise the minimalist vibe and the material takes the visual heft off the dark kitchen features.

**High-end, minimalist kitchens for wine lovers**

Another reason that so many people love minimalist kitchens is that the design aesthetic packs enduring style. The luxurious example by interior design firm, Britto Charette (seen on Pages 4 & 5) illustrates this point.

Stainless steel features combined with high-end marble add both beauty and function to the food preparation areas.

Along the back wall glossy black fronts conceal cabinetry and the refrigerator creating a seamless appearance.

A stunning wine fridge with teak shelving is a spectacular sight that would make any wine aficionado drool.

Stone tile floors can get pretty chilly in winter. Here, radiant heating solves the problem by keeping bare feet warm no matter the season.

**Kitchen with room for style and function**

Anna, the do-it-yourself blogger behind Anja Home, decided to ditch the upper cabinets in her small kitchen to make room for a tea nook.

The result (as illustrated on our front cover) is a minimalist cooking space that does not skimp on style, or customised function.

She says that her idea is a great way to create a clutter-free, simplified look, whilst still having room to display a collection of cute kitchen-related accessories.

One more tip worth sharing—in small spaces like this one, is it important to have a simple colour scheme to keep things feeling minimal. Anna stuck to a black and white palette with a few natural wood accents.

**Minimal kitchens - the star of the show**

The all-white kitchen with its matte, flat-fronted cabinets (as depicted on Page 7 bottom pic is a minimal masterpiece by interior design firm, Luca Lanzetta.

Cooking spaces like this one create a fresh canvas for cooking meals at home by keeping appliances and kitchen gadgets out of sight. Note the two rectangular-shaped cabinets on the kitchen island. They are handy dish drawers.

**Minimalist kitchens witha built-in dining table**

Interior designer, Carrie Long fitted out this minimalist kitchen (as seen on Page 3). Featuring Shaker-inspired cabinetry, white quartz countertops and stainless steel appliances, it creates a sleek finish with a modern vibe.

Further elevating the space is the built-in dining table designed for both casual meals and formal dinners.

**Minimalist kitchens that feel traditional**

Two words sum up the spectacular cooking space (as depicted on Page 8 bottom pic by Amy Kartheiser: open and airy.

Whilst the all-white kitchen is rooted in minimalism, it also feels traditional, because of a few key features—most notably the high-end kitchen range and Carrera marble backsplash. Gold



*This all-white kitchen with matte, flat-front cabinets is a minimalist masterpiece and is by interior firm, Luca Lanzetta.*

*Here a large kitchen island eliminates the need for wall cabinets, giving a minimalist appeal.*



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*Clean lines and warm accents define this minimalist cooking space by Mosaik Design and Remodelling, whilst the grey quartz worktops and rectilinear white tiled splashback aids the look of serenity.*



hardware and black pendant lighting punctuate the white space.

### **Stunning masculine kitchens**

Dark, or moody colours totally work in minimalist spaces. Helen Green Design combined modern, wooden cabinetry with brown and black granite to create a warm and contemporary kitchen suitable for a bachelor. Pops of red lends a playful touch that feels 100 per cent grown-up.

### **Practical and pretty minimalist kitchens**

The company which designed the neat and tidy kitchen as seen on our front page paid particular attention to creating clean, modern lines in keeping with the ideas of minimalism.

The goal was to maximise square footage for practical use - a key feature of minimalist kitchens.

The two counters in the foreground provide plenty of room for both food preparation and cleaning up.

The natural looking colour of the bar stools fits perfectly with the clean, modern lines of this kitchen.

### **Kitchens with room for style and function**

A few years ago, Lauren Mochizuki, a decor blogger who pens Casa Mochi, designed her own kitchen.

A few of her smart ideas include a spacious pantry and a large kitchen island. Both eliminated the need for upper cabinets, giving her space minimalist appeal.

Experts say that the best kitchens are suited to the home-owner's taste. Lauren quenched her thirst for style with an eye-popping backsplash. The black grout she used turned the white triangle tiles into a graphic statement.

### **Thoroughly modern minimalist kitchens**

When renovating the minimalist kitchen it is always a good idea to keep clean lines clearly in mind. In order to keep things visually pleasing, try combining a playful mix of visual textures and durable materials.

Kitchen walls can be lined with white subway tile with contrasting grey grout. A good choice for

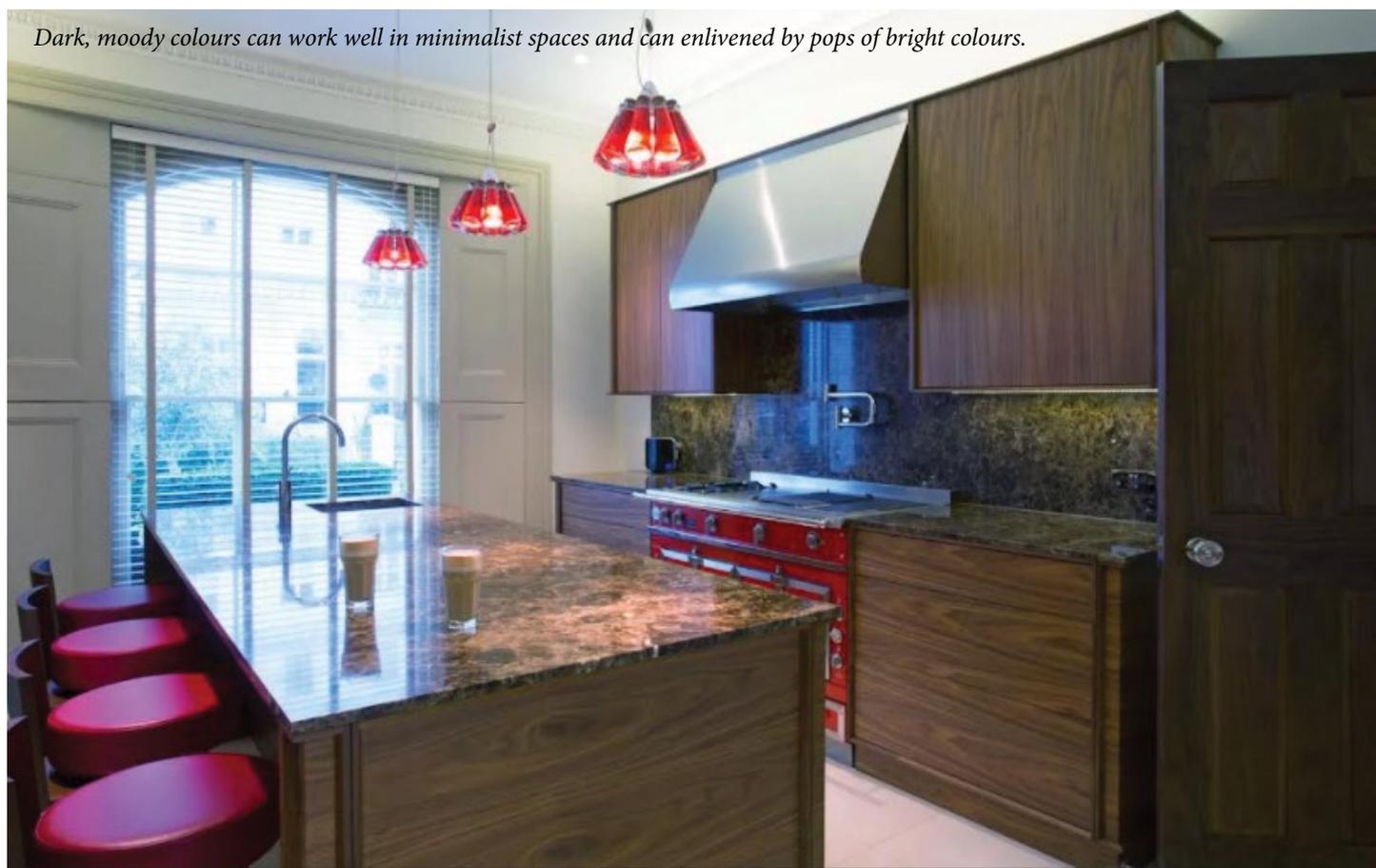
grounding a modern space is warm, wood flooring.

The result is a minimalist cooking space that does not skimp on style, or customised function and fits well with the minimalist approach to kitchen decor.

Minimalist kitchens can work well in any type of home and are not restricted to the modern environment. Besides, one huge advantage of the minimalist kitchen is that it is far less costly to purchase in the first place. Maximising minimalism really can work for everyone.

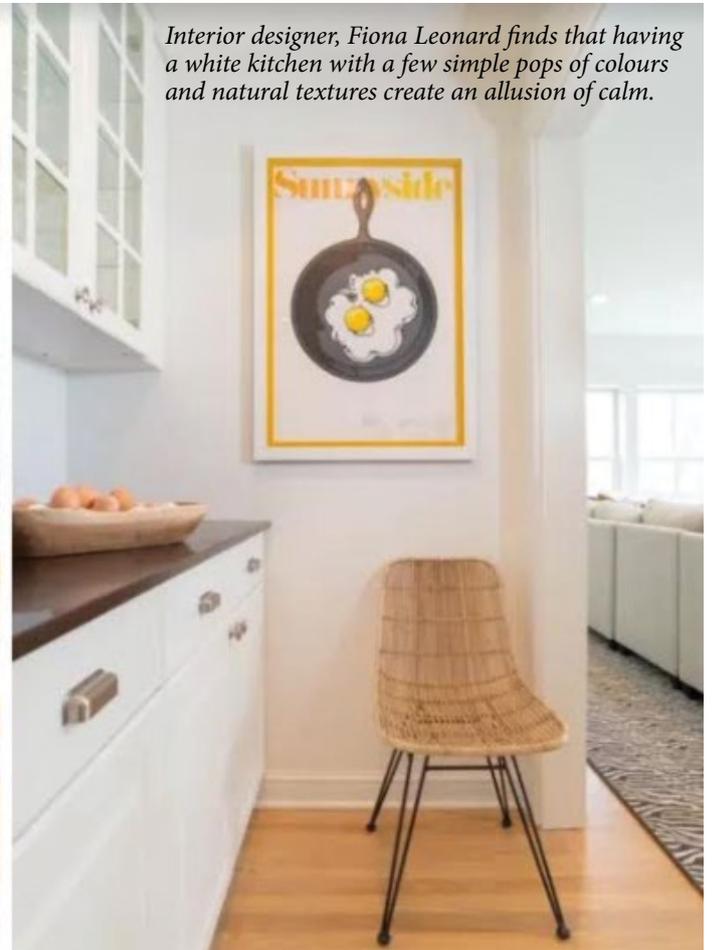


*Dark, moody colours can work well in minimalist spaces and can enlivened by pops of bright colours.*



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*Moody colours, natural textures and dramatic patterns can be combined to good effect in a pared down kitchen.*



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# PYTHA 3D-CAD VERSION 25 PRODUCES FLEXIBILITY RESULTS IN THE KITCHEN

FROM concept to completion, Pytha 3D CAD is one of the leading 3D CAD systems for the high-end kitchen sector.

With its powerful Version 25, German software developer, Pytha Lab sets high standards in the world of CAD.

A particular highlight in V25 is the new, seamlessly integrated render engine, that allows high-end rendering directly in the Pytha modeller.

Within seconds, users can now see a photo-realistic image without having to switch programs first. Afterwards, it is easy to continue working within the scene that has been created.

Pytha thus enables every user to achieve almost perfect results with very little effort. No expert is needed for this – lighting a scene is really easy and straightforward.

Intelligent brightness settings create stunning image calculations, whether day, or night. Meanwhile an HDR-

panorama image generates a natural and atmospheric light.

Luminaires are easily and precisely matched to light values in lumens (brightness) and Kelvin (colour temperature). Frequently used lamp settings can, of course, be stored in a separate library and retrieved at any time.

The render engine now also features real indirect light, which gives the user a realistic colour impression. Improved materials give the scene a real vibrancy.

Pytha developers have also improved the speed of the calculation of a scene. An intelligent noise filter called “denoising” generates a finished image in the highest quality within seconds. This allows any user to render projects in photo-realistic quality and create convincing presentations.

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# CABERWOOD MDF PRO THE IDEAL PANEL FOR BEAUTIFUL HAND-MADE KITCHENS

WHEN John Penny of JP Joinery, based in Kirkliston – a small town near Edinburgh, was asked by a client to design, build and install a “wow” bespoke kitchen, the one product element he knew he would be utilising was West Fraser’s CaberWood MDF.

‘This was my first full, bespoke kitchen project and it presented me with some challenges,’ says John.

John sourced West Fraser’s CaberWood MDF Pro MR from MGM Timber branches in Edinburgh and prepared the door and drawer fronts in his workshop.

‘I have tried a few brands of MDF, but have found CaberWood MDF Pro MR to be the best choice for a perfect finish. I sprayed the MDF with a water-based paint, which contains a full chemical hardener.

‘This counters any fibre-raising which happens, to varying degrees, with all MDF. However, when experimenting with different brands, I have always found the West Fraser board to be the best,’ he proclaims.

CaberWood MDF Pro MR is moisture resistant, making it particularly suitable for use in kitchen construction.

‘I used a mix of 9mm, 18mm and 22mm thick MDF for the variety of units – almost 40 in total – and, as always, found the boards easy to work with.

‘The quality is always consistent, which is important, especially on such a large project. It doesn’t splinter, or chip, with the result that there’s very little waste.

Compared with other brands I’ve used, CaberWood is really well priced,’ says John.

Needless to say, the client was delighted with the end result and John will be using CaberWood MDF on all his future kitchen projects.

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# RE-BRANDING OF RENOLIT 3D THERMO-LAMINATES

RENOLIT has modernised and re-branded its 3D Thermo-laminates stock range for 2021 and launched it with a brand new, fresh and up-to-date look.

Based on current trends, new introductions will be announced twice a year in seasonal Renolit Trend Collections, which bring the most sought-after designs and colours to the forefront, in stock and ready to order. The first Spring/Summer collection available now comprises of 15 exciting new décors.

Renolit's design experts have collected a host of new and exciting wood décors for your next interior design project.

Be inspired by the new Harbor Oak with its subtle weather cracks and pores, available in three shades: Gold, Vintage and Espresso, or add for a new twist on a popular design, take a look at Halifax Oak Gold Brown Synchro.

Alternatively, Vicenza Oak is an elegant linear version of a rift cut oak offering an alternative to existing classic oaks. While finely structured pores and strong contrasting details characterise the image of the lively wild beech Crenata Natural.

## Solid colours

Colour denotes an ambiance, creating a room's atmosphere. Smoothing the way to exciting design with its superior robust smooth surface incorporating PST (Physical Surface Technology) two new Premier Matt colours for 2021 are Indigo Blue and Onyx Grey.

Indigo Blue is an almost black midnight blue. Its deep, rich hues create drama and a striking statement.

Onyx Grey is a well-balanced sophisticated shade of grey that resembles the colour of dark concrete that modern styling, whilst creating a calming serenity within a room.

## Stone

Stone can be many things – smooth or rough, simple, or complex. Stone is a material which is so versatile that it is a staple in interior design.

From the deep Garnet Slate Dark Grey to the light and textured Harley Elegant Oxide, the Renolit design experts have created a variety of beautiful and functional stone décors.

Just as the stone designs are endless, so too is their potential for combinations with a variety of colours – pairing them with strong red tones is especially appealing.

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# BLUM EXTENDS ITS AVENTOS LIFT FAMILY

BLUM, the Austrian furniture fittings manufacturer, presented the new compact Aventos top models at interzum 2021. The latest generation of lift systems are set to impress with their sleek contemporary appearance and improved functionality.

Lift systems in wall cabinets are ergonomic and convenient. Even the largest and heaviest of front panels are easy to lift and they stay in position, well clear of the user's head at all times.

This is reason enough for the Austrian fittings manufacturer to further extend its Aventos range. In addition to the Aventos HK top fitting already available, the Aventos top family will soon be extended to include lift systems that fold up, swing up and over and lift up.

This latest generation of lift systems offer many advantages: the pared-back design can be discreetly integrated into furniture and a number of integrated functions mean that assembly and adjustment are simplicity itself. The user benefits from even greater ease of use and smoother operation.

As with Aventos HK top, the new lift systems are ideal for combining with the Servo-Drive motion technology, including tool-free assembly and guided start-up.

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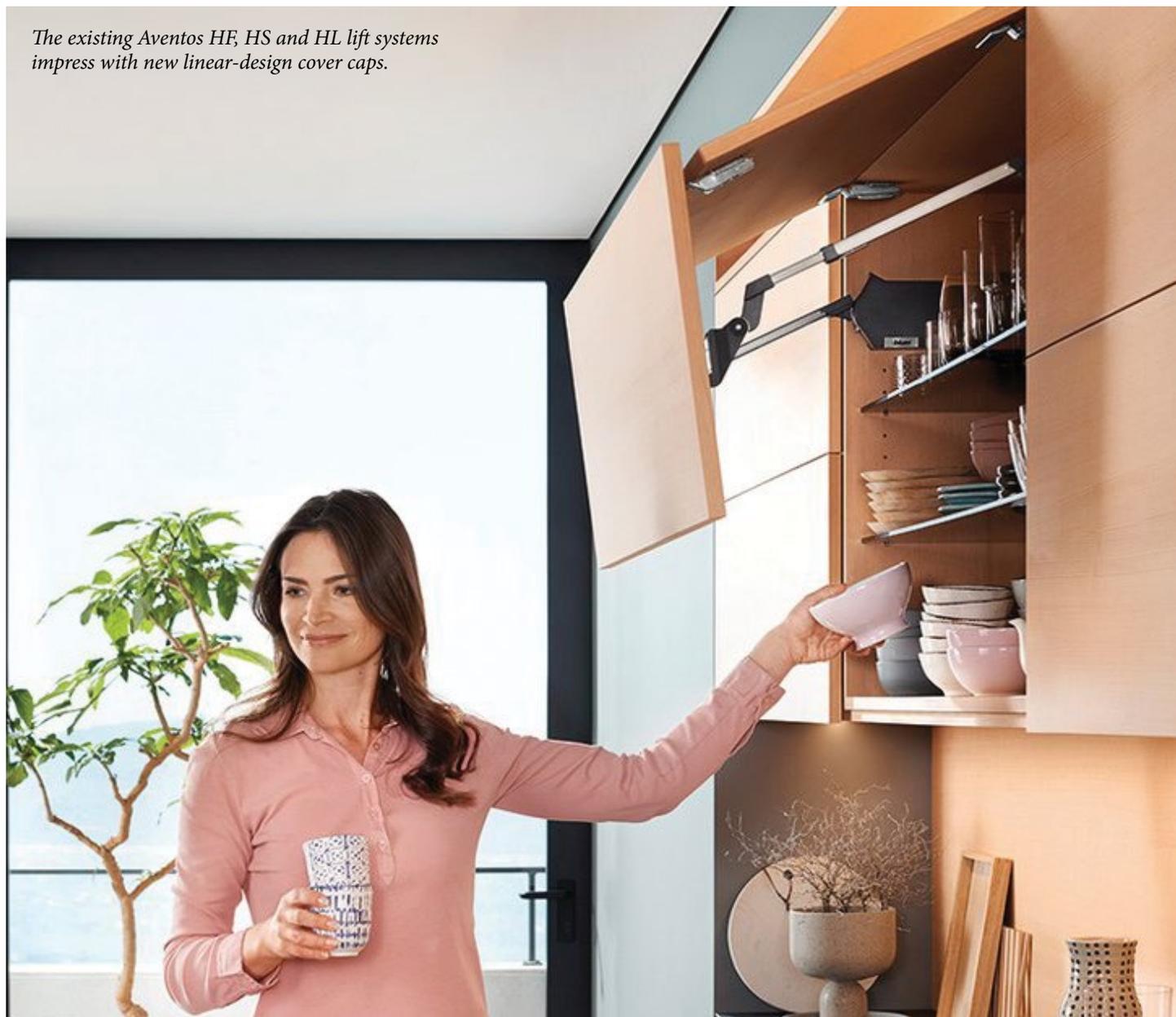
New cover cap designs are also available for existing models for retro-fitting.

A new linear design of cover cap is now also available for the existing Aventos HF, HS and HL lift systems. In terms of look, they are an ideal match for the Aventos HK top and Aventos HK-S cover caps.

A uniform design is thus also now available for use across the entire range of lift systems. Cover caps come in silk white, light grey and dark grey.

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*The existing Aventos HF, HS and HL lift systems impress with new linear-design cover caps.*



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*The latest generation of lift systems from Blum – such as the Aventos HS top pictured here – is set to impress with a sleek contemporary appearance and improved functionality.*



*The new Aventos top family wins admirers with a straightforward product range: symmetrical levers can thus be used, for example, with the Aventos HL top.*



*Whether it is the Aventos HF top, or any other Aventos top model: it can be used in combination with SERVO-DRIVE for tool-free assembly with guided start-up.*

# MATRIX BOX: THE DRAWER RANGE FOR GREATER APPLICATION EFFICIENCY

THE lockdown triggered a seismic movement for the home improvement market. Buoyed by a nation who were forced to stay at home, but whom quickly began to dream up more inspirational features for their properties, furniture manufacturers have been busy helping swathes of customers design highly functional, good-looking spaces.

However, increased demand for their services has meant that manufacturers have needed to find processes, fittings and services that help them turnaround projects more quickly and efficiently.

Thankfully, companies such as Häfele have responded accordingly, launching products designed with speed and ease firmly in mind.

Häfele's new suite of drawers, Matrix Box, is one such example. The Matrix Box range is a universal drawer system suitable for any application in a home.

The range is available in three product lines – Matrix Box S, Matrix Box A and Matrix Box P – with each product suitable for use in the kitchen.

Available in a variety of widths, depths and heights, the Matrix Box range caters well to a wide range of applications. Within the range there are suitable drawers for bathroom vanity units, which tend to be shallower and shorter in depth, plus under-sink options which are ideal for when customers want an integrated basin option.

With load capacities ranging from 30kg to 50kg, Matrix Box is also brilliantly designed for heavy duty drawer systems, such as internal kitchen drawer stacks, with either rectangular, or round rails, able to hold over 30 food tins at any given time. The Matrix Box range also works well for deeper pan drawers.

Offering full extension as standard and push-to-open options, Matrix Box is suited to any domestic, or commercial application where quick and easy access to tools and equipment is key, such

as an office space, or in a medical setting, while its smooth-running minimises sound.

A wide variety of colour options is also available – Matrix Box P is available in white, grey, silver, anthracite and bronze, whilst Matrix Box S and Matrix Box A are available in white, grey and anthracite – there's a drawer available to suit any theme or décor, with the result that the range can be seamlessly integrated into any home.

The entire Matrix Box range has been crafted to aid ease of installation. The Matrix P drilling jig significantly speeds up drawer runner fitting; once lined up against the carcass fascia at the right height for the chosen runner, furniture producers can pre-drill holes using a countersink drill bit.

Likewise, a fascia alignment jig helps locate the fascia fitting into the back of the drawer front. The jig has a ratchet function, allowing users to tap the drawer front top for easy and quick adjustment.

When the installer is happy with the alignment, simply tap the drawer again front-on to make drill hole impressions.

Products such as Matrix Box are in themselves a time saving tool, but Häfele has teamed them with a variety of value services to reduce leg work and make life even easier for manufacturers.

Through ranges like Matrix Box and the complementary services available from Häfele, furniture manufacturers are empowered threefold: they're able to use fittings which help complete their projects more effectively and efficiently, meet the customer's needs in terms of style and functionality and provide a high-quality finish as you would expect from Häfele products.

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