

According to a recent Houzz study, an open plan kitchen is one of the most frequently requested design plans, and, 22% of people considering kitchen renovations, are taking into account an extension, indicating that an open concept is the right thing for a living. Generally, this kind of area is formed by enlarging your kitchen or demolishing some secondary walls to create additional space.

Matter of fact, nearly half of those who are not even considering an improvement, would like to have a significantly larger kitchen. As a result, open-plan designs are gaining popularity and are becoming ingrained in contemporary living due to their characteristics and ability to significantly increase the perceived size and welcomeness of previously tiny areas. The concept is intended to serve as a multi-purpose space for the entire family to enjoy activities such as cooking, eating, working, and even relaxing in the same room, thereby encouraging mutual interaction.

Kitchen island

Several householders opt for an open concept design in order to incorporate an island unit. This multifunctional unit represents a centerpiece for food preparation and consumption, and it can be accessed from all edges, providing valuable additional room and storage space, as well as additional seating for relatives and friends by the inclusion of bar stools. Furthermore, this feature adds a social dimension by allowing homeowners to interact with guests while cooking.

Luminosity

Occasionally, demolishing a wall is insufficient to increase the luminance of a room. Each homeowner should keep in mind that each light in an open kitchen should have a particular function. Natural light should be maximised while dark areas should be used for storage, utility, or guest restrooms. Besides that, adding a skylight above the dinner table can provide additional daylighting. Additionally, homeowners may choose the most appropriate location for the dining table and sofas with a view of the garden to maintain a connection to the natural environment. Bi-folding doors would be an excellent option in this case, as they can reshape an exterior wall into a spectacular view through glass with the maximum amount of natural light.

Colour combination

If you're planning to design an open-plan space, you'll need to create a cohesive flow by using complementary colours and thinking about their placement. When working with a large space, the goal is to make it feel pleasant, which is why a well-balanced palette of soft colours would be a great choice. Nonetheless, this is not a hard and fast rule, as dark doors can be combined with light work-surfaces or light ceilings with a dark island.

To begin the decoration exploration, it's appropriate to play with 2-3 primary paints to harmonise the various areas of your open-plan space, followed by contrastive colours for complexity and personality. Although it is important to prevent using an excessive number of them.

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