

# Guide to Kitchen Island Centerpiece Ideas and Styling

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The [kitchen island](#) in your home serves many roles: It may alternate between a food prep space, a homework spot, an [entertaining](#) nook, and much more. So how do you ensure that this space is both functional and stylish (ie: sophisticated, not cluttered!) on a daily basis? We spoke with designers who chimed in with tips and tricks galore about choosing a centerpiece for your island based on its size, finish, and purpose. Keep reading for lots of detailed insight and get ready to create the display of your dreams.

## Play to Your Countertop Style

Designer [Jennifer Davis](#) is a fan of contrasting decor to the island countertop finish—think "darker accents on a white countertop and white pottery on dark counters," she explains. "For butcher block, I love light colored pottery. Fresh flowers, plants, and herbs look good on any kind of countertop."

Designer [Samantha Hammel](#) chimes in with a few more suggestions based on island material. "On most quartz or [marble](#) islands, a large, wood bowl looks great filled with fresh produce," she offers. Jimenez agrees. "Marble pairs well with woods. The natural element of both finishes compliments their stark differences and make for stand-out materials to use in a kitchen island."

Wicker also looks beautiful with quartz, designer [Andi Morse](#) says. "The larger the island, the larger the tray. Mixing textures is key here."

Does your space lean super contemporary? Love a [rustic look](#)? Hammel shares a few more insights. "In a more modern home, a terracotta or ceramic bowl can be the extra touch an island needs, while in a farmhouse style kitchen, an aged wood dough bowl is a great accessory to fill with seasonal apples or pears."

