

Kitchen island ideas – 27 fresh ways to enhance functionality and design

Tap into these stylish kitchen island ideas to create a centerpiece that adds wow factor to your space



Kitchen islands make using your space more comfortable. The multifunctional blocks are the perfect spot for cooking, cleaning, prep, eating, and more. Plus, thanks to the islands, socializing in the kitchen becomes a possibility.

The kitchen island is a flexible extra arm, that can serve many purposes. Add a sink and tap, and it becomes a second washing unit. Design a beautiful countertop with a pretty pendant above, and it becomes a lovely second dining space. You could choose between a built-in, free-standing, or even a movable unit; the choice is yours.

If you're all set to give your [modern kitchen](#) an update, then the inclusion of an island is a no-brainer. We spoke to several experts from the field to understand the numerous benefits of having an island. Take a look, and get convinced!

1. GO FOR OVERSIZED PENDANT LIGHTS



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For your [kitchen island pendant lighting](#), think big, think unexpected. Go for oversized pieces that not only look eye-catching but make the island look like a focal, jewel piece of the kitchen.

'If you love modern rustic, country kitchens, be prepared to feel some serious house envy, or inspiration, depending on how you look at it with this rural Spanish farmhouse kitchen,' says Stephanie Lindsey, principal designer at [Etch Design Group](#). 'The striking, oversized pendant lights are the perfect balance between modern and traditional, as is all the decor throughout the home. The lights add clean lines to the soft space but don't look too stark or out of place.'