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## KITCHEN IDEAS

# Make a statement with a new worktop and splashback

As well as being practical and hard-wearing, the latest kitchen surfaces can help you to achieve a real designer look

If you're revamping your kitchen, you're likely to be on a budget, but bear in mind that even the most basic of kitchen units can be transformed with the addition of a stunning work surface and splashback. Looks may score highly when you're making your choice, but don't forget that the surfaces you opt for should ideally be stain and heat-resistant, easy to keep clean and durable. Some materials require a small amount of maintenance, so take this into account before you buy, and consider what your priorities are before you commit. Here are some of our favourite buys to suit every style and budget...

### Expert tip

"Glass worktops and splashbacks are becoming increasingly popular for a modern kitchen look. Glass does offer some advantages over tiles, especially the fact that you don't need to worry about any grout that could discolour over time."

Gavin Dyda from B&Z Refurbishment, a member of RatedPeople.com

► This tempered glass, heat-resistant design in vibrant green will make a real statement in your kitchen

Mohaka glass splashback, from £89.95 for a 60cm x 75cm size, Original Style

▼ A muted shade of green works beautifully teamed with a wooden worktop

Cookhouse Character tiles in Sage, around £70 per sq m, British Ceramic Tile



"Stand-out colours with distinctive touch-me textures are making a huge impact in the world of interior design. While Metro-style tiles have a classic feel to them, when used in the latest on-trend colours they can also be used to achieve a more modern look."

Claire O'Brien, Trend Manager, British Ceramic Tile

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'Mixed-pattern tiles, such as the Batik range, are having a revival and using them behind a sink provides a wonderful focal point in any country kitchen.'

Beth Boulton, Head of Marketing at Topps Tiles

◀ These Moorish-inspired tiles are available in a range of colours so you can mix and match or use in all one colour

Batik patchwork pattern ceramic wall tiles, 10cm x 10cm, £45 per pack of 100 tiles covering 1m<sup>2</sup>, Topps Tiles

▼ Pilkington's painted glass is a stylish range of colour-backed decorative non-toughened glass, created especially for indoor use. The glass has a sleek, modern lustre thanks to a high quality coating on the back. The result is a highly durable, multi-purpose product with limitless design opportunities

Oriel collection glass, from around £15 per sq m, Pilkington

▶ Create a focal point with a stunning glass design

Meadow glass splashback, 75cm x 60cm, £169.99, Topps Tiles



◀ Although these are supplied as separate tiles, they are designed to be grouted over, creating a seamless mosaic-style finish

Natura Purple textured glass ceramic tiles, 20cm x 30cm, £2.99 each, the Wall Art collection at Topps Tiles



'Glass is a great option for a splashback as it's affordable, as well as being available in hundreds of colours and designs. It's also really easy to clean, with a glass and window cleaner; but do take care to avoid using anything that could scratch the glass.'

Laura Webb, Lifestyle Editor

◀ Once grouted over, these tiles will create a striking mosaic look

Harmony black tiles, 20cm x 30cm, £2.99 each, the Wall Art collection at Topps Tiles



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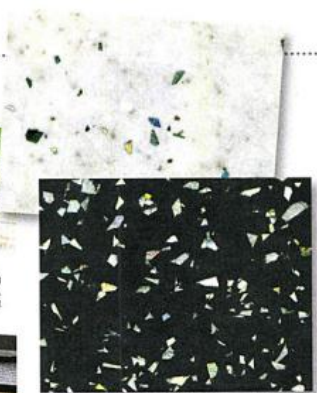
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▼ Ask your kitchen designer's advice when considering work surfaces – this round island unit topped with a stunning granite surface would make a lovely addition if you have the space



Kitchens, starting from £16,000, Rencraft



▲ Add a hint of sparkle with one of these good-value laminates

Astral laminate worktop in black gloss and white gloss, from £150 per 3m length, both B&Q

'The Quebec oak laminate worktop has an Ultramatt texture which complements the woodgrain design, offering the look and feel of freshly-sanded wood.'

Stuart White, Managing Director, Bushboard



► Team this affordable design with a deep purple splashback

Odyssey Quebec oak work surface, from £30 per linear metre; Mulberry high-gloss laminate splashback, £30 per linear metre, both Bushboard

◀ Bamboo is an eco-friendly and affordable choice

Bamboo worktop, from £100 per linear metre, Second Nature

'The distinctive graining of bamboo will add interest to any kitchen scheme.'

Graeme Smith, Senior Designer, Second Nature Kitchens



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◀ Clean, bright Corian® in Glacier White makes a stunning integrated sink and worktop with grooves carved into the drainer

DuPont™ Corian®, from £310 per linear metre, including a 10-year warranty

'Although it is pricey and a real investment buy, Corian is one of the most recommended materials for work surfaces. It's hard-wearing, hygienic and can be moulded into virtually any shape, for a beautiful, seamless finish.'

Lisa Hibberd, Associate Editor



▲ An oak scheme is a classic choice that will stand the test of time. Consider a mix of white and wooden surfaces to add interest

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▲ Your new kitchen is an investment that needs to stand the test of time, so buy the best worktop you can afford

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Black and lime create a striking contrast in a modern kitchen scheme

Odyssey Black Quartz work surface, £30 per linear metre; Lime high-gloss laminate splashback, £30 per linear metre, both Bushboard

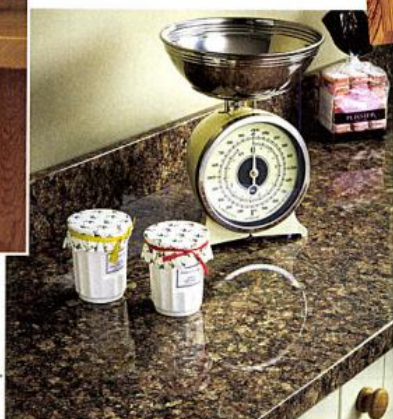
'An exotic timber design such as Zebrano makes a real impact. An intricate series of dark brown grains contrasts beautifully against the wood's prominent golden tones, creating the 'zebra-like' appearance it is named for.'

Alexandra Finlay, Marketing Director, Worktop Express



▲ Worktop Express offers a large range of solid wood worktops, all at great prices. Most can be delivered the next day – ideal if you're in a hurry. Zebrano and Iroko, shown here, are two of our favourites

Zebrano worktop, from £255 per 2m length; Iroko worktop, from £150 per 2m length, both Worktop Express



◀ Create a co-ordinated look with this granite-effect laminate worktop and matching upstand

Odyssey Bulvic Granite work surface, from £30 per linear metre, Bushboard

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