



Bespoke kitchens, from £35,000, Chiselwood.

## 4 STATEMENT ISLAND

'Creating an island in a country kitchen is a popular option, not least because many older properties, such as this one, tend to have more doorways and windows than modern ones, as well as lower or varied ceiling heights to contend with,' says Martin Holiday, Founder and Design Director at Chiselwood. 'The owners of this kitchen asked us to incorporate both seating and food preparation in a central area, making use of all of the space and helping to create

clearly defined boundaries within the room. They wanted a mix of materials for added impact so we combined painted furniture with timbers such as oak, maple and walnut to create an island that looks both elegant and interesting.'

### GET THE LOOK...

- For easy movement, there should be a minimum of a one-metre gap between the island and all of the perimeter furniture.
- A mobile butcher's block performs a similar role to an island in a smaller kitchen space. Try The Cook's Companion from Harvey Jones. ▶