

# Growing trend for unique and inspirational bespoke kitchens

*NATIONALLY renowned for his innovative kitchen and furniture designs, Martin Holliday has a keen eye when it comes to interior trends.*

*The founder and director designer of Saxilby-based Chiselwood is a former national Kitchen Designer of the Year and takes readers through his latest creations for international clients and those based in London as well as closer to home.*



THERE has been a large increase in clients who want to invest in bespoke kitchens and furniture unique to them and their lifestyle.

People value the human touch and are keen to support traditional skills and English manufacturers – at Chiselwood they can see every piece made by our skilled cabinetmakers.

The recent London Design Week attracted visitors from across the globe and was the forum for designers to discuss the importance of individuality in an increasingly homogenous world and how they are responding to growing demand. The event is held at The Design Centre at Chelsea Harbour, which is a hub for interior designers, architects and furniture designers. It's a go-to destination for seeing the top names in fabrics, wallpapers, trimmings,



lighting and more in one place – it's a source of inspiration for me. Tropical was definitely the trend around Design Week and this year's Pantone Colour of the Year, Greenery, was apparent in nearly all the showrooms with palm prints, exotic patterns and animal motifs.

The key trends in kitchen design focus on stone and metal with ceramic, copper and bronze in demand for kitchens, so we have incorporated this into a new display in our showroom.

I designed this new display to incorporate innovative contemporary and on-trend features such as the striking lighting from Buster & Punch and the duel fuel Wolf range cooker and bespoke Westin extractor. The furniture is painted in Slaked Lime, Juniper Ash and Perennial Grey from Little Greene. Bronze is a finish I was keen to include and this popular material is used on the central island pillar and on the Perrin & Rowe taps.

Clients are opting for uncomplicated, neutral coloured kitchen designs that will stand the test of time.

The project to design a bespoke kitchen and scullery for a listed Lincolnshire rectory (below) is a perfect example and

was featured over nine pages in Essential Kitchens Bathrooms & Bedrooms magazine as well as recent back covers of the Bailgate Independent.

The owners replaced the glass roof and one wall of an existing conservatory with solid structures and move a new kitchen into the created space.

The room is still full of natural light but much more comfortable with space for socialising and beautiful views of the garden. An adjacent gym was also converted into a scullery with a large pantry, crockery cupboard and fridge-freezer.



We still work primarily in and around Lincolnshire with projects in central London and some overseas, particularly for past clients with holiday homes abroad. Look out for another feature in the EKBB May issue.

We have updated our website to show you more projects and see the faces behind our work. Take a look at our new series of video blogs (vlogs), in the latest you can watch a visit to our showroom and workshop through the eyes of a child – [www.chiselwood.co.uk/news](http://www.chiselwood.co.uk/news)

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