



### *Go with the grain*

Although wood that shows its grain is most often associated with rustic-style kitchens, there's no reason why it can't also be used in a modern setting. This bespoke Chiselwood kitchen features European oak along with Parapan doors in white and grey. A Chiselwood bespoke kitchen costs from £35,000.

### *In great shape*

There is a move towards using wood in its natural state so, not only do you get a wonderful grain, you get a unique shape too. This is a stunning example of how to use timber in a way that celebrates its form – it's architectural and dramatic, but also simple. For similar timber try Benchmark, from around £2,000.

*Whatever look you want to achieve in your kitchen – a sophisticated architectural style, a quirky central feature or a warm, welcoming feel – you'll find adding wood elements can introduce a creative edge to your design*

## MAKE WOOD WORK FOR YOU

**DON'T** feel it has to be an all-or-nothing option. Wood kept to just the worktops, shelving, wall units or a central island unit will still give a great injection of warmth and texture. **THINK** creatively – there are lots of interesting wood options that will add a unique twist to your kitchen – from the industrial feel of spruce ply to reclaimed wood from an old-school science bench. **THE** look can be as rustic or as slick as you decide to make it. Mixing

glossy veneered-wood door fronts with steel worktops or coloured lacquer units will lend a stylish, contemporary edge to the room. **KNOW** your materials. Veneer is a cheaper way to get the look of exotic woods than investing in the real thing. Solid timber is better for a kitchen that you may want to sand and repaint in years to come. **DON'T** discount faux finishes. Today's modern printing technology produces some really striking results, giving

easy-care and affordable options. **WHEN** using heavy grain, opt for bookmatched veneer so the grain lines up smartly from door to door or drawer to drawer. Most run vertically, but a horizontal grain will add to the effect of a long, sleek run of units. **BE** prepared to maintain natural solid timber. Unvarnished worktops will need re-oiling every six to 12 months. **YOU** can use wooden flooring in the kitchen but just remember to mop up spills straight away.



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