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# Kitchen Cues

**These cool kitchen finds are guaranteed to bring some heat to the hub of the home**

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The kitchen is the one space in a home that serves as the epicentre of activity that goes behind the traditional cooking-eating-entertaining zone. This room once used to be hidden behind closed doors, but as the focal point in the home, it needs to work hard and look great. With the latest in design trends and a range of fabulous features, give this special space the attention it deserves.

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## 1 Natural wonders

Snaidero's new clean-lined Code Natural cabinets (shown in ash wood; also available in Arctic White high-gloss lacquer) lend a broad swath of Euro-chic craftsmanship to your kitchen. These refined units can be customized in both width and height to suit your specific needs, and a wide range of cabinet accessories including spice, tin and bottle racks help maintain flow and organization. Get your life in order with this sleek design! *Price on request; Studio Snaidero Edmonton*

## 2 Colour confidence

If you're not quite ready for the expense of replacing your cabinets, but are eager for a change, why not rejuvenate your kitchen with the simple stroke of a paintbrush? Sico's new Furniture & Cabinets paint is a heavy-duty alkyd emulsion that comes in bold colours such as Apple Sorbet (6123-53) green, Movie Star (6148-31) turquoise or Porcelain Plate (6010-63) blue (shown left from top). Give your kitchen a long-lasting lift and bring a dash of dynamite to your family hub. \$49.99 gallon; *Rona Home and Garden*

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### 3 Air apparent

SieMatic's BeauxArts 2.0 cabinetry exceeds visual expectations with its light, linear design. Chicago-based designer, Mick De Giulio's update of the 2006 original is designed to revolutionize your kitchen by marrying the esthetic of heirloom furniture with the functionality of segmented work zones. Stainless steel and glass exteriors are paired with ebonized walnut interiors, but the pièce de résistance is undoubtedly the mirrored toe-kick, which tricks the eye into believing that the cabinets are actually floating above the floor.

Approx. \$150,000; Heart Kitchen and Bath

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### 6 Très chic

Stylish, spacious and streamlined – there isn't much more you can ask from your fridge – apart from a touch of French elegance in the form of the new Fisher & Paykel French door refrigerator model. The 19.5 cubic feet of interior space means that the days of rooting through overstuffed shelves are no more. And with Active Smart technology, including an icemaker, chilled water and extendable storage drawers, it's time to say au revoir to your old model and hello to the future of fridges. \$3,219; Coast Wholesale Appliances

### 4 A slice of Italy

What better way to put the heat of your new dual-fuel oven to the test than to cook up a crusty pizza. The 14-inch Emile Henry pizza stone is made out of Burgundy clay, which can withstand temperatures of 700 F (use it on your barbecue too). The dishwasher-safe stone comes in a range of hues including red, fig, olive and black. \$49.99; Browne Canada

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### 5 Haute home on the range

Expect temperatures to rise in your kitchen this year with the sleek new dual-fuel range from European manufacturers Porter & Charles. With a combination of a professional-style gas cooktop and the precise temperatures that only an electric oven can offer, who says you can't have the best of both worlds? This new model comes with a warming drawer to maintain heat – perfect for storing those dinner party plates while you entertain guests with cocktails! \$3,599; Trail Appliances



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### 7 Fresh fix

No fridge is complete without a water jug to store a splash of refreshing coolness on those murky summer days. The latest Water Carafe 1.1 with Wrap from Menu brings the world of water jugs to a whole new level with a sensual signature silhouette wrapped in a playful wave of colour. Even more impressive is the closing mechanism that stores ice cubes, mint or other ingredients that will spice up your refreshment as you pour it from the carafe. It's a perfect reprieve from the summer heat! \$52.95; Jack + Jade Home



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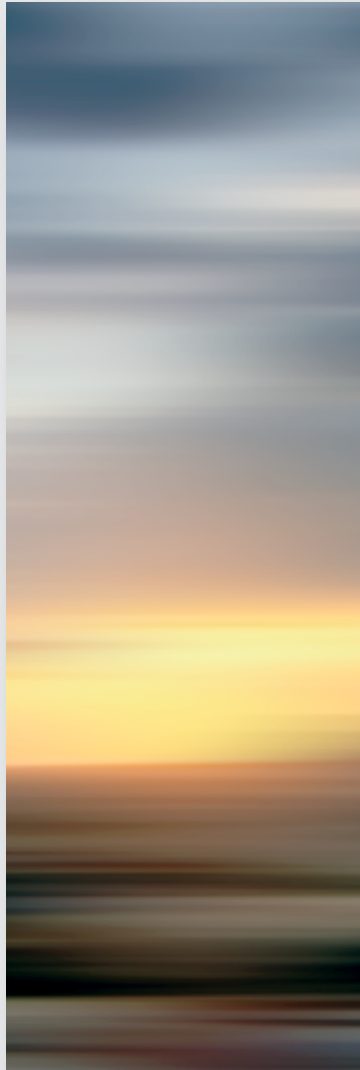
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### 8, 9 Crystal clear

Who says you can't be creative with the most fundamental of kitchen essentials: the sink? The new Vault apron-front stainless steel sink by Kohler breathes an air of freshness in the most mundane of kitchens. The basin's simple, architectural form is enhanced by a Kohler's updated Purist deck-mounted bridge faucet. Its high, curved spout and classic styling pairs perfectly with the sink's minimalist style. Sink \$938, faucet \$880; The Ensuite – Bath & Kitchen Showroom



### 10 Crafted to perfection

Ceramic in the kitchen you say? Yes please! With these durable and easy on the eye built-in crafted kitchen sinks, Duravit's Cassia double sink brings the kitchen vessels to an artisanal level. The rectangular-shaped bowl size appears as though modelled by hand, and a smooth draining board can double as a prep space, optimizing your countertop capacity. \$1,260 to \$1,925; Kitchen & Bath Classics



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### 11 Brighten up

Fuse high design with a fresh, palette to create the ultimate in kitchen countertops. For an elegant quartz countertop that is soft to touch, try (shown left, from top) the new Superwhite shade of Quartzo by Stone Italia; the in-demand Bianco Joya Quartzite which offers a modern take on antique quartz; and for subtle earthiness with a sparkling finish, try Vetrazzo's new Flint collection, created for the eco-conscious customer, with recycled clear bottle and jars. Call for pricing; Icon Stone & Tile



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### 13 i-llusion

Your eyes are not deceiving you; this minimalist piece is not the newest design from the epitome of cool culture – Apple, but rather Zephyr's new range hood from its Arc collection. Horizon, as it's named, was created by Robert Brunner, designer of the all-new iMac. This sweeping hood is available in a range of colours and designs – ideal for introducing a contemporary match to your range. From \$3,378; Trail Appliances ■

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### 12 Clean up your act

Washing your peelings down the drain may seem like the simple solution until you're stuck on hold, desperately trying to get through to your local plumber. Compost your food in Simplehuman's new compost pail. This sleek item not only looks good as a kitchen accessory, but also filters food odours meaning you can clean up and compost without fearing the reek of rubbish! \$69.99; The Bay

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