



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE
Open shelving allows easy access to kitchen essentials, which is particularly important in a small or awkward space; achieve the look of a traditional

dresser by creating a shelf unit on which to display your china above a run of fitted cupboards in an alcove; clever planning has transformed an awkward nook into a stylish, useful space

point for the room. Small, redundant and oddly shaped alcoves can also be put to good use with shelves or a set of hooks for utensils. For awkward areas, a custom-built kitchen will make the most of the room's potential, allowing you to conceal any imperfections and maximise storage and worktop space.

Consider open units with a decorative back panel and simple shelves for storing pans and crockery; the absence of doors on cupboards in tight spots will make access much easier. For a neat look, attach a rod and curtain to keep the contents out of sight, or source rustic apple crates or willow baskets to store items in an organised fashion on shelves – you can mix and match sizes and shapes depending on the space available.

Utilise areas away from the kitchen for activities such as dining or laundry – a reasonable-sized alcove can be easily transformed into a laundry/utility area or a nook for a table and chairs. ➔



- Cabinets and open storage units are available in all sizes, so source slimline designs that can fit into unused gaps and which are ideal for storing bottles, spice jars and other smaller items
- Make the most of any fixed structural features such as wooden beams. These can enhance an awkward space by working as a focal point

and as an inspiration for the look and style of the kitchen

- Consider having curved cupboards at the end of a bank of units to eliminate sharp corners if the area is quite cramped
- Create additional useful workspace with a butcher's block or prep table on castors that can be wheeled out of the way when not in use

