



## In VERY good taste! The most envy-inducing kitchens from around the world

- A home design and renovation website has revealed the most desired kitchens of 2017 from around the world
- The interiors, from Italy to Australia, have been presented with the coveted Best of Houzz prize
- Popular features include large kitchen islands and simple white colour schemes

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If your kitchen is on the small side and the sink is overflowing with washing up, you might want to look away now.

This series of stunning images captures some of the most envy-inducing kitchens around the globe - from a rustic haven with soaring ceilings in an American lake house, to a sleek Australian space complete with a giant barbecue area perfect for a party.

The award-winning interiors, found in homes from Italy to Ireland, have all been presented with a coveted Best of Houzz prize, which are given out in the first month of each year.

The winning designs reveal the enduring popularity of the clean, Scandi-inspired aesthetic and the now almost ubiquitous kitchen island.

The Houzz website celebrates the very best in architecture, interior design and landscaping, and these kitchens proved the most popular among the millions of homeowners and industry experts using the site.





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**Stunning:** This American property was singled out for its large kitchen island work space and quirky ladders used to reach extra storage. This Midwest Lake House renovation was completed in 2015 and cost more than \$2,000,000 (£1.58million). The owner has a lifelong passion for rowing and tasked the architects with designing a lake residence that would be reflective of classic American boathouse style





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**Chic:** This Swedish kitchen has a classic Scandi style complete with industrial metal cabinets and simple wooden chairs. Located in Stockholm, Sweden, this eat-in kitchen is characterised by the paired back Scandi style, clean lines, functional architecture and an emphasis on communal spaces (cost of project not available)



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**Elegant:** This Irish property has a paired-back style with touches of copper in the light fittings and taps. The project cost €50,000 (£42,500) and was completed for a family who had recently relocated from London



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**Open air:** Located in Brisbane, Australia, this kitchen was designed to bring the outside in by capturing the view of the valley, surrounding bush and natural light. The owners are a small family who love entertaining so the design was about balancing the practicalities of family meals with the sophistication to entertain with friends on weekends. It also (of course) features a classic Aussie Barbie! (cost of project not available)





Classic: Found in Aravaca, Madrid, this kitchen was redesigned five years ago as part of a whole home renovation project but still remains one of the most popular kitchen photos on Houzz globally. The homeowners are a young married couple who own and work in their restaurant. The countertop of the wood island was designed to slide so they can use it as a working table or as a dining table with high stools for eating (cost of project not available)





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**Stylish:** This Italian kitchen has a very simple style with dark blue cabinets, geometric tiled floor and marble worktop. The renovation of the whole apartment cost around €120,000 (£102,000) to create the perfect nest for a new family



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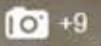
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**Rustic:** This property, in Newbury, Berkshire, features a large wooden central work space and has a copper colour theme running throughout (cost of project not available)





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**Understated:** This French kitchen has simple white cabinets and a wooden worktop, as well as plentiful storage space (cost of project not available)



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**Modern:** This German kitchen mixes a white colour scheme with splashes of colour in room's accessories (cost of project not available)