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How to choose YOUR CABINETRY





this image *Cor Domi* combined a slim Shaker drawer profile with fluted detailing to create a kitchen that feels both refined and tactile. "By keeping the framing pared-back, the cabinetry retains a lightness that prevents the detailing from feeling overly decorative," says Greg Daulby, senior designer at *Cor Domi*.

These sorts of colours can help conceal everyday dirt and smudges, making them a better choice for busier households. A happy compromise may be going two-tone; Kasia says there's a growing trend for opting for a lighter upper run and a deeper base colour, which means the room feels bright, but you get to hide imperfections, plus it's a good trick for visually anchoring the layout, especially in larger or open-plan spaces.

Rich, saturated hues such as deep reds, moss greens, muddy browns, and inky blues work well in south-facing rooms that are bathed in warmer light, but can also create a cocooning, elegant feel in a small, colour-drenched space. "Painting a compact

space a light colour can leave it feeling characterless, without making it appear any larger," says William.

However, it's not a look for the faint-hearted, warns Jasper. "Bolder colours can be very striking, but they are also quite demanding to live with. Over time, they can feel visually tiring, particularly in a space that is used so frequently."

As a general rule, the resounding advice from designers is to choose a colour – and cabinet style – that 'speaks to you'. This is a space where you're going to be spending a lot of time so, practicalities aside, this needs to be a long-term love affair, not a fling; so go for a style that really resonates with *you*. ☺

above left This timber kitchen furniture is a simplified Shaker style designed to offer a more contemporary aesthetic without losing the warmth associated with timber cabinetry. A handpainted, matt finish in green and white breaks up the wall run. *Blakes London* kitchens start from £60,000.