



EAST MEETS WEST

the look

A few years ago, Japandi emerged as an interiors trend and it's here to stay. This style mixes warm Scandi minimalism with the Japanese principle of wabi-sabi, and here, interior designer Louise Liljencrantz interprets the look with refined lines and natural materials, such as stained oak wood and marbled Portuguese limestone. She describes it as "a blend of Downton Abbey and Japan".



The repetition of clean shelf lines and slim, rounded wall tiles makes the space feel taller. Bonus: this open shelving is multifunctional because it can be reconfigured.

DREAM CUISINE

Showcasing the latest kitchen looks, these five distinct designs

are packed with practical ideas and stylish inspiration to steal

This style favours function and form over ornate details. For example, the cupboard door handles are built into and concealed by the elegant frames.

Japandi spaces are neutral, but warm and inviting. Here, tactile curtains, timber and a black built-in nubuck seat counteract the concrete floors. →





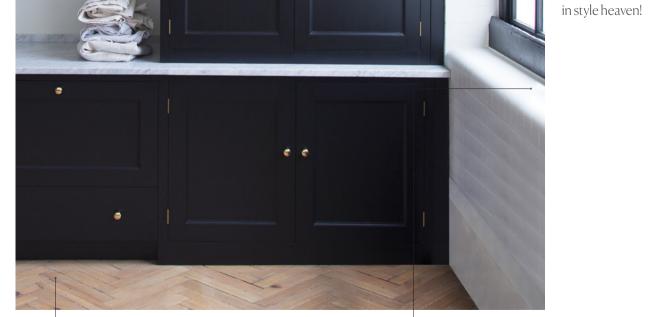


NAVY AND NEUTRAL

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A classic-style kitchen with navy joinery is the epitome of elegance, though these cupboards by Plain English will also suit country and Hamptons-style homes. The key to mastering this look is choosing the right shade. Almost black can be jarring, too light can feel beachy. Balance is also key – navy paint works here because it's brightened with brass accessories and white marble.

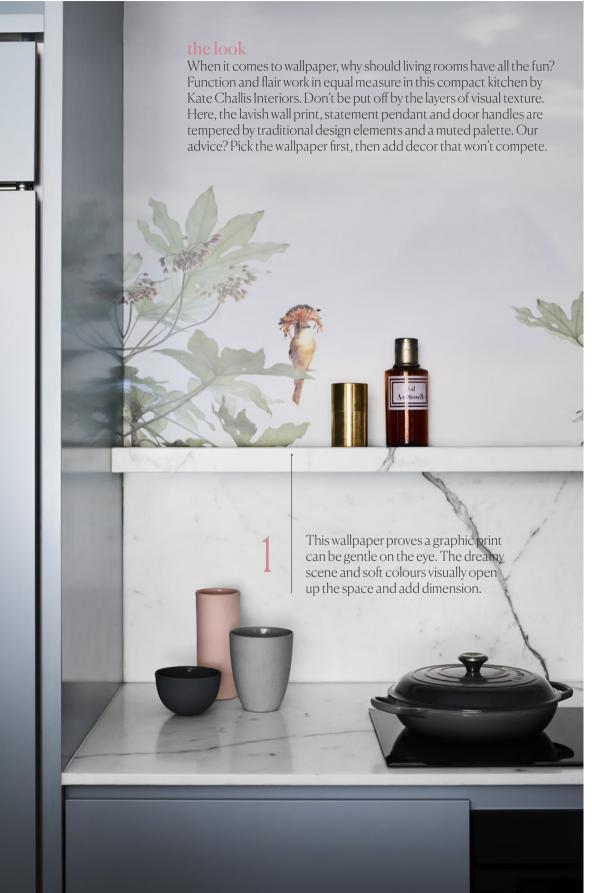
A bright space lit with natural light will add depth to this hue, and the combination of light herringbone floors, white walls and navy joinery is a match made



The design of this joinery was inspired by 18th century Georgian style. Paired with classic hardware, it's the perfect canvas for a statement paint colour. Painting the window frames is a clever way to add colour to a room and will make bare walls pop. Use the same hue on the trims to tie it all together. →











NORDIC BY NATURE

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This is a great example of soulful Nordic style because the timber's natural beauty isn't overcrowded by lots of other elements. The knotted oak joinery, which is by KBH Københavns Møbelsnedkeri, is accented by brass hardware while a rug and decorative storage add texture. The design is simple, but the effect has such warmth even with the cooler white-tiled walls and floor.



Do metal fixtures belong in natural spaces? Yes, but choose finishes with less lustre. The aged patina on the taps and kitchen handles complements the wood grain.

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Natural light can take a white palette from austere to warm and welcoming. Sheer curtains and blinds that temper the brightness make all the difference.

Marble benchtops and timber joinery create a timeless contrast. The oak's rustic tones and the marble's soft vein are a restrained, elegant combo.