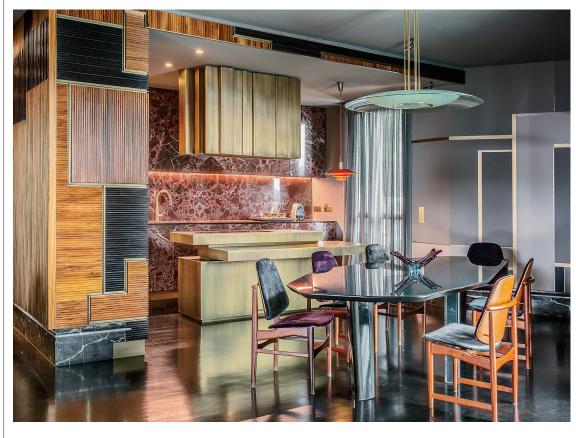


Hot in the Kitchen Designers are throwing out the rule book, mixing colors and materials to create spaces that add a distinctive touch, from dark glamour to modern serenity. by Jean Nayar

Rock Solid Hardworking materials like stone and concrete are versatile enough to cover nearly any surface.



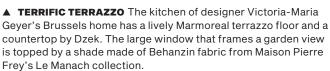
▲ LET IT SHINE

Designed by architect Pierfrancesco Cravel, this kitchen in a Milan apartment combines deep-red Turkish Rosso Lepanto marble with panels in flamed rosewood and ebony. The decor is softened by '50s chairs by Arne Homvand-Olsen and a vintage FontanaArte chandelier.



► INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

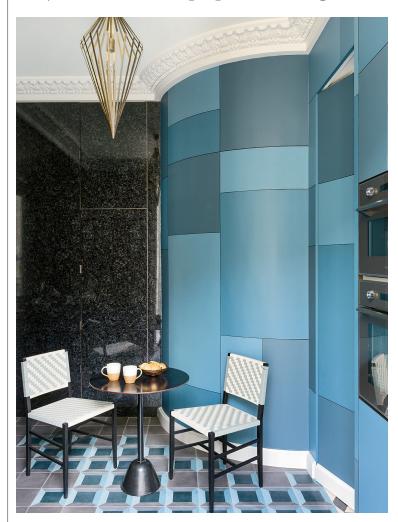
An island, made of poured-in-place concrete and fitted with brass taps by Horus France, anchors the kitchen of a home in Mallorca, Spain. "We wanted the island to be the center of gravity of the house," says the designer, Manuel Villanueva of MoreDesign. A bronze Apparatus Studio light adds a delicate touch.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: HELENIO BARBETTA/LIVING INSIDE, STYLED BY CHIARA DAL CANTO; GREG COX/BUREAUX; FRÉDÉRIC DUCOUT/LIVING INSIDE, STYLED BY CAROLINE AMIEL

Bright Ideas Are you brave enough for a colorful kitchen? Four ways to balance pop with elegance.



▲ DRESS BLUES Decorated by Jean-Louis Deniot, the kitchen in an apartment near the Gare de l'Est in Paris is enveloped in shades of blue. The space is enlivened with a vintage table designed by Achille Castiglioni for Zanotta, a custom-made bronze chandelier, chairs from Matter Made, and cement tiles from Couleurs & Matières.



■ UPONFURTHER REFLECTION

A sleek kitchen by Eligo Studio in a Brutalist penthouse in Milan bathes in the glow of a turquoise resin floor by Mapei, which is reflected in stainless steel cabinets custommade by Giacomo Moor. The tap and counter are from Italian brand Foster. ▼ SPLASH OF LIME Inspired by the kitchen in Milan's famed Villa Necchi Campiglio, Ilaria Ferraro Toueg installed green cabinets with matching brass pulls and kickboard in her own apartment. She added a brushed-nickel tap from Zucchetti's Pan collection and pendants by Vesoi.





▲ YELLOW FEVER A spacious kitchen in a villa on the French Riviera, decorated by Paris-based Charlotte Biltgen, evokes the light of its seaside environs with yellow handmade zellige tiles from Morocco. Custom cabinets made of oak are topped with lava stone counters. The rattan barstool is from HK Living.

Blond Ambition Pale woods serve as a serene backdrop for hard-edged modern elements.

▼ TIED TOGETHER In the Cape Town home of architect Greg Truen, a partner of the firm SAOTA, a breakfast bar of Carrara marble from Cannata & Sons blurs the boundaries between the kitchen and the living room. The washed-oak cabinets are from Roma Casa and the non-porous Snow White counters are from Caesarstone.

▼ IT'S A WRAP The fluid lines of smoked-oak panels extend into a breakfast nook by Rodolphe Parente in this apartment near the Champs-Élysées. A bespoke bench, upholstered in Jules et Jim fabric, is paired with a Zanotta table, stools covered with a Brochier fabric, and a chandelier from Lambert & Fils.



■ BLACK AND

TAN In the Chicago home of designer Cari Giannoulias, the marble backsplash has a built-in shelf that elevates her everyday items. The rift-sawn oak cabinets are from JPT Cabinetry, the refrigerator from Sub-Zero, the cooktop and ovens from Wolf, the dishwasher from Bosch, and the coffeemaker from Miele.

