



#14 LUXE TOUCHES

If you want to lend your kitchen a super-sophisticated feel, think book-matched marble splashbacks and rose-gold taps. A good source of inspiration is specialist brand Martin Moore & Company's new Notting Hill showroom, where you can see a wide range of luxuriously detailed hand-built kitchens, including the 'Classic' system (pictured). Bespoke kitchens from £35,000; 176 Westbourne Grove, London W11 (martinmoore.com).



#15 THE DETAILS LIGHT SWITCHES

Why restrict yourself to plain white switches and sockets? These smart picks will introduce subtle accents of colour and texture to your scheme.

From left Dimmer switch in Duck Blue, from £55.20, Livinghouse (livinghouse.co.uk). Galvanised switch, £18.60, Urban Cottage Industries (urbancottageindustries.com). 'Screwless Textured Black' socket by Africa Lily-Jones for Lustus, £28.13, Sockets & Switches (socketsandswitches.com)



#16 TOP TIPS FROM THE DECORATORS

CAROLINE LEGRAND

Once part of Anya Hindmarch's team, Belgian designer Caroline Legrand applies her laid-back, glamorous style to city apartments, spas and beach houses – see above for a selection of her work (carolinelegranddesign.com; @CarolineLegrand).

- 1 Do reupholster sofas and chairs** when redecorating. Changing fabrics, colours and textures can give a piece fresh life and is usually cheaper than buying new.
- 2 Do reuse furniture.** Be smart about storing, restyling or giving things away. Furniture, like clothes, goes through a fashion cycle.
- 3 Do move your art around** once a year. It gives your home a new look at no cost and allows you to view your artworks afresh.
- 4 Do buy magazines to get inspiration.** Ninety per cent of my moodboards come from interiors, fashion and travel magazines. I rip out pages that feature things that catch my eye.
- 5 Don't have white walls unless you have a lot of art.** It's hard to make a house look warm with plain walls. If you want a white backdrop, use textured finishes or wallpapers to add warmth.
- 6 Don't buy furniture without first seeing how it fits** in your room. It's best to have the piece delivered: the cost is usually worth it compared with making a purchase you won't want. Space and measurements can be deceptive when you're in the shop.
- 7 Don't buy everything in one store.** Your house will end up looking like a showroom and it will have no soul.
- 8 Don't forget to put dimmers in every room.** Lighting is the most important thing in a home and creates an instant mood.

MY SPRING UPDATES After working on a project in Ibiza last year, where I used mostly cream, off-white, nutmeg, caramel and light-brown woods, I'd like to change my colour scheme. I want wood, glass, concrete and stone in my home, as well as green plants. My next dream project would be a greenhouse in the centre of the house with all of the rooms around it. I also change the fragrance in my space once a year, so I plan to buy new scented candles. I use the same scent throughout the interior: there's nothing worse than a different smell in every room.