

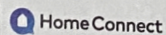
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SHORT LIST

Introducing this fall's three must-have kitchens. Two feature the hot combo of rich black and blond wood used in very different ways. The third is an all-white space designed for creative styling. All three are bold, graphic and personal.

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A photographic take on Frida Kahlo by Brazilian artist Jonas Tucci makes a bold impression on a wall free of upper cabinets. "I planned this room to allow for a great art piece; I knew I wanted something colourful," says designer Stephanie Houghton. Stool by Jeff Covey, Herman Miller; pendant by Original BTC, LightForm.



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"JUST LIKE THE WALLS OF AN ART GALLERY, IT'S THE DETAILS YOU ADD THAT MAKE WHITE KITCHENS INTERESTING"
— Stephanie Houghton

A concealed vent hood keeps the kitchen streamlined while a delicate marble backsplash makes warm accents (like this copper kettle) pop. Range by Thermador, KWA Appliances; cabinets, Chris Houghton; backsplash, Centura Tile; kettle, Williams Sonoma.



ABOVE: The wooden stool under a textural wall installation helps Stephanie reach high cabinets. Baskets, Snob; stool, VdeV Maison.

ELEMENTS OF THE LOOK

- A simple off-white palette warmed up with wood and natural textures
- Creamy cabinets with muted brass hardware
- Marble mosaic backsplash
- Statement lighting in bone china
- Artful vignettes



3. Artful & Airy

THE BACKSTORY: It's hard to believe that designer Stephanie Houghton's 154-square-foot kitchen — with its stylish and soulful attitude — was once an '80s box lacking warmth. Tackling the sterile vibe was simple: she gutted the space, installed custom cabinets and replaced the old island with a work table. Adding personality was trickier. "I wanted to create some areas that could be used for vignettes," says Stephanie, who co-owns Emily Griffin Design. So in one wall of built-ins, which disguises the pantry and refrigerator,

she carved out a nook for pretty things. She also made room for art by forgoing some upper cabinets. Now Stephanie's collections are on permanent display, from a Frida Kahlo-inspired piece of art to a pair of woven bird's nest baskets on the wall. Judicious hits of wood, including the brass-wheeled table and counter stools, warm up the space. When she isn't expecting company, the recessed bar is a spot for colourful blooms. "I fill my beautiful vase with fresh flowers and enjoy them every day," she says.

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GET THE LOOK

Artful & Airy

NATURAL TEXTURES AND WARM METAL FINISHES ADD SOUL TO A WHITE KITCHEN.



1. Metropolitan console by APA Furniture, \$3,825. At Hollace Cluny. 2. Christie Rise & Fall pendant by Original BTC, \$1,335. At LightForm. 3. Nomad rug, \$500. At EQ3. 4. Contour Brushed Brass handle, from \$16. At CB2. 5. Maureen Swivel Solid Wood Adjustable Height barstool, \$248. Through Wayfair Canada. 6. Oval Bianca Carrara Marble mosaic tile, \$45/sq.ft. At Centura Tile. 7. Redford Large picture light by Regina Andrew, \$629. At Prima Lighting. 8. Litze Smart Touch Pull-down faucet with Square Spout and Industrial Handle by Brizo, \$1,600. At Mosco Canada. 9. Rustic Wooden stool, \$150. At Zara Home. 10. 30" Professional Series Pro Harmony Standard Depth All Gas range by Thermador, \$7,409. Through Appliance Canada.



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