OLD AND NEW

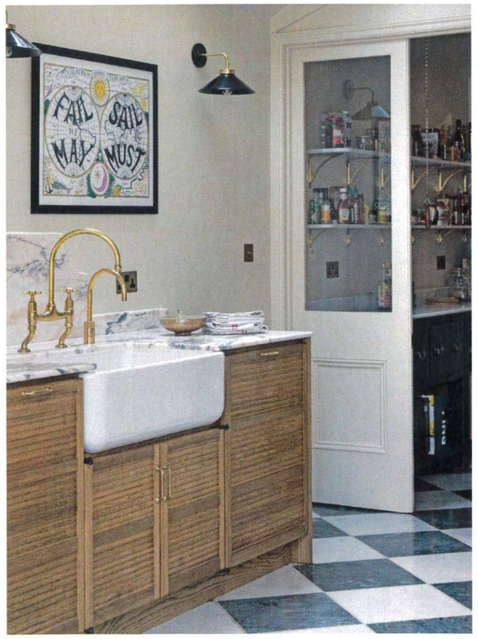
Balancing modern and traditional elements in a manner which feels natural rather than forced is often a challenge but not in the hands of Henriette von Stockhausen, creative director of VSP Interiors. This country house dining room uses saturated colour and modern art with dramatic results. 'This is a rather cool dining room we recently finished,' says Henriette. 'We asked a team of specialist painters to use a soft dragged glaze on the panelling and pick out the edges in distressed gilding. It adds definition to the panels. Then we brought in beautiful leather chairs by Soane Britain, lots of antiques and modern art resulting in a space that will hopefully play host to many fun evenings for our clients.'

IN THE ZONE

Solidifying storage in one place, a walk-in pantry is the cornerstone of cooking efficiency. For the serious chef, positioning is paramount – the nearer the pantry is to the heart of the cooking action, the better. If you're lucky enough to have an original walk-in pantry, deVOL's creative director, Helen Parker, recommends planning the kitchen layout to ensure speedy access. 'For more flexibility on the location, you can also create your own pantry by sectioning off a small part of the kitchen and incorporating it into the final look of the room with beautiful joinery and metalwork,' she adds. 'Bulk buying, storing jars of preserves and fermented foods are all things that become much more achievable with a pantry.'

ON DISPLAY

'Open shelving makes party prep and clean-up so much easier,' says Courtnay Tartt Elias, principal, Creative Tonic Design. 'By storing commonly used dishes and trays in easy-access open shelves and lesser used pieces a bit higher up – but still on open shelves – it's a breeze to see what dishes you need before your party.' Courtnay also recommends a nice wide countertop to pull items down on while you're planning what you need. 'Dust is always a worry with open shelving, but closing the entire area off with a pretty glass-front door will keep everything protected, and on view, as all beautiful things should be,' she adds.



The Haberdasher's **kitchen**, from £30,000, deVOL. **Interior design** by Leanne Kilroy of Good Bones

Bespoke Butler's **pantry** painted in Sherwin-Williams' Amazing Gray, by Creative Tonic Design. Metro brick mirror **wall tiles**, £149.50sq m, Tiles Direct, are similar. Metallic Leaf 5" Grid **wallcovering**, £200m, Phillip Jeffries

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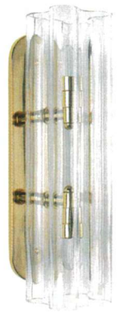

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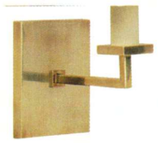

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BRIGHT SPARKS

SMART WALL LIGHTS TO ILLUMINATE YOUR BATHING SPACE

1. Paola wall light in Marrone and Antique Brass, £642, Hector Finch
2. Malvern Bronze small wall light with Alabaster White linen shade, £86.40, Corston Architectural Detail
3. The Dual light by Suzy Hoodless in Unlacquered Brass, £1,038, Drummonds
4. Hampton wall light size 1 in Weathered Brass, £499, Davey Lighting
5. Rodtastic wall light in Brass, £235, Pooky
6. Avon IP44 polished chrome single wall light, £174, David Hunt Lighting
7. Selecta Long sconce in Bronze and Antique Brass, £707, Visual Comfort & Co
8. Norfolk wall light, £390, with Tapered Square shade, £113, Vaughan
9. Ortona single wall light in Matt Black, £112.50, Astro

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