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## COOKING WITH STYLE

However high-tech and efficient your kitchen may be, you still want it to look good. Here's how five top designers see the future

"The kitchen is going to get even more comfortable—very informal, very relaxed. It will be a space that feels nice to be in. The open living concept is here and will be for a long time. People like the feeling that they are in their living room and kitchen at the same time. That doesn't mean kitchens will become bigger, but they will become more artistic and creative. For materials, it translates into organic-feeling finishes, such as hot-rolled stainless steel and light-colored woods. For floors, I often use hand-scraped European white oak and wide planks. Sometimes I rub a little aluminum paste into the planks to give them a driftwood effect."

—MICK DE GIULIO

*"In terms of materials, we're still seeing lots of engineered finishes that feel natural: quartz countertops, wood that's actually made of porcelain. The quartz is sturdy and doesn't stain, and the porcelain adds texture and warmth but requires no maintenance: I love the modernity of faux-bois. Induction cooktops are certain to become more popular. Not only are they more efficient and ecological, they also fit in so well with the streamlined look many people want today."*

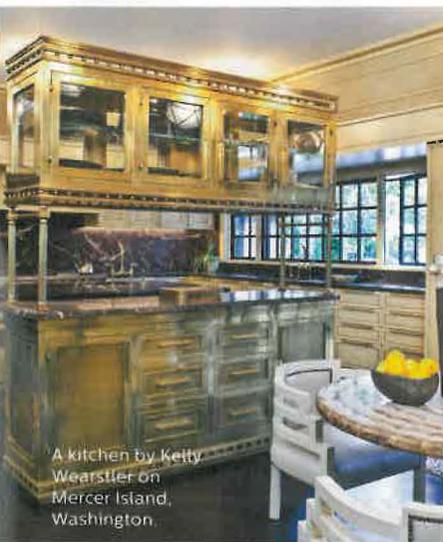
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"Although I am deeply aware of the endless technological advances—like computer programs for restocking refrigerators—the essence of the kitchen isn't changing. They're ultimately about the pleasure that comes from the cooking process and sharing it with family and friends. But because we spend so much time in kitchens, I see designers incorporating healthier, more natural materials and paying even more attention to richly layered details and surfaces."

—STEVEN GAMBREL

*"I think the kitchen is going to be a freestanding island that moves to any area of the home, inside or out—literally a movable feast. But wherever it is, I see the kitchen continuing as the favorite gathering place in the house. I also can't wait for my MasterChef-level cooking robot that makes fresh cappuccinos for me every morning. Won't that be great?"*

—KELLY WEARSTLER



A kitchen by Kelly Wearstler on Mercer Island, Washington.



An Atlanta kitchen designed by Matthew Quinn.

### QUINN ON TRENDS

Atlanta-based kitchen designer Matthew Quinn is the author of *Quintessential Kitchens*.

**ELLE DECOR:** What kitchen trends are we going to see in the next couple of years?

**MATTHEW QUINN:** The island is going to start incorporating the range again, thanks to improved downdraft systems and sleek retractable hoods and extractors that will no longer block the view over the island. Cooking and entertaining is theater, and everyone wants to face his or her guests! The only reason it moved to the wall in the first place is that it smoked up and wasn't very efficient. Just don't forget a sink in the island as well. I've even designed one that fits into a corner.

**ED:** What colors are you seeing? Is all-white here to stay?

**MQ:** Who can predict color? But I'll tell you that I see very saturated, rich tones: navy, teal, dark green, black. I see them as accent colors, being mixed with white, or in a butler's pantry or bar done entirely in the hue. We always notice this trend when the economy is good—people get braver. It's very luxurious, it's glamorous, and those colors look amazing with brass.

**ED:** How about in 50 years—any *Jetsons*-esque predictions?

**MQ:** You'll have fewer appliances, because they'll all be agile transformers—refrigerators will also be ovens, and you'll simply tell the appliance what you want it to do. Everything will be covered in a material that can change, like a chameleon, to any hue you want, so at the press of a button, you'll be able to say, "I want white and marble today, but at tonight's cocktail party, I want it black!" Some kinds of glass already have that ability.