

2014 Kitchen Trends – Glass Cabinets And Open Shelving

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For years, we've been using kitchen cabinets to hide away cereal boxes, dishes, pancake mixes and coffee mugs. Things are about to change as the [newest kitchen trends for 2014](#) are all about open shelving and glass cabinets. Display your kitchen ware and open up those cabinets for the whole world to see what's! Let the makeover process begin.

Kitchens have become a core meeting place for families, so why not make them look fashionable? Whether you're having breakfast with the whole family in the morning or you're gossiping with your friends over a fun cooking session, it has become a tendency for homeowners to opt for glass cabinets and open shelving. Let everyone admire your newest pots and pans, or brag with your cooking skills by showing off your spice collection.

Glass Cabinets

Glass has the power of lighting up any type of space due to its ruminating properties. Kitchen cabinets with glass doors will not just add a splash of color to your space, but they will also add style. Turn your shelves into showcases, and add statement pieces to make an impression. Tall, beautiful wine glasses placed somewhere behind the glass door of a kitchen cabinet will certainly dazzle your guests.

You can also play with color to make your decor even more interesting. For example: if your kitchen's predominant color is white, place purple mugs in your glass cabinets. Add an imposing lavender pot on the countertop (or choose some other types of purple flowers), and the wow effect will be guaranteed.

If you want to have a mysterious kitchen, you can always opt for frosted or stained glass. Your guests won't be able to see what's behind the cabinets but they be intrigued by the mix of colors. Keeps things airy and light by making sure your things are organized. Nobody likes a messy kitchen, and since your glass cabinets are quite revealing, you can't afford to throw everything inside at random.

Open-shelving

Unlike cabinets with glass doors - which are captivating and mystifying - cabinets with no doors at all are even more revealing. Your kitchen ware will be on full display, so everything has to be organized. Specialists advise homeowners to avoid placing boxes on their open shelves. It may be handy to have your cereals within easy reach, but all those color mixes are not appealing at all for your overall kitchen decor.

Open-shelving can really bring your space to life. If you're not ready to give up all your cabinets, you can always start by installing 2-3 open shelves first. Take down some old cabinets you've wanted to restore for years, and add open shelves. Place your plates, pots and pans, but make sure the color is uniform. You have to keep a balance and not turn your kitchen into a clown's closet.

The best places to add shelves in your kitchen are close the sink (preferable above). It will be easier for you to wash the dishes and place them nearby, rather than shove them someplace dark, behind some other forgotten kitchen ware items.

DIY Kitchen Projects

Buying new kitchen cabinets can be expensive. Rather than spend thousands of dollars on new furniture, why not restore old-fashioned items that are already in your kitchen right now? DIY projects are not that complicated as long as you know what you want. Since we mentioned that the newest trends in kitchen design are open-shelving and glass cabinets, you should start hunting for some tutorials. Some quick tips that can help you out:

- A smart way of opening your cabinets is to remove the doors completely; you can repaint them too if you'd like to really change the general vibe of your kitchen.
- Painting the inside of your open cabinets can add a splash of color; go for turquoise if your kitchen is white
- If you're going for open shelving, make sure you opt for white; together with your white walls, you'll give the illusion that your pots and pans are flying. It's a cool idea!

There are so many creative ways you can use to make your kitchen look modern, trendy and practical.

[The secret to a beautiful space is to improvise](#). Think outside the box and let others admire your unique sense of style.

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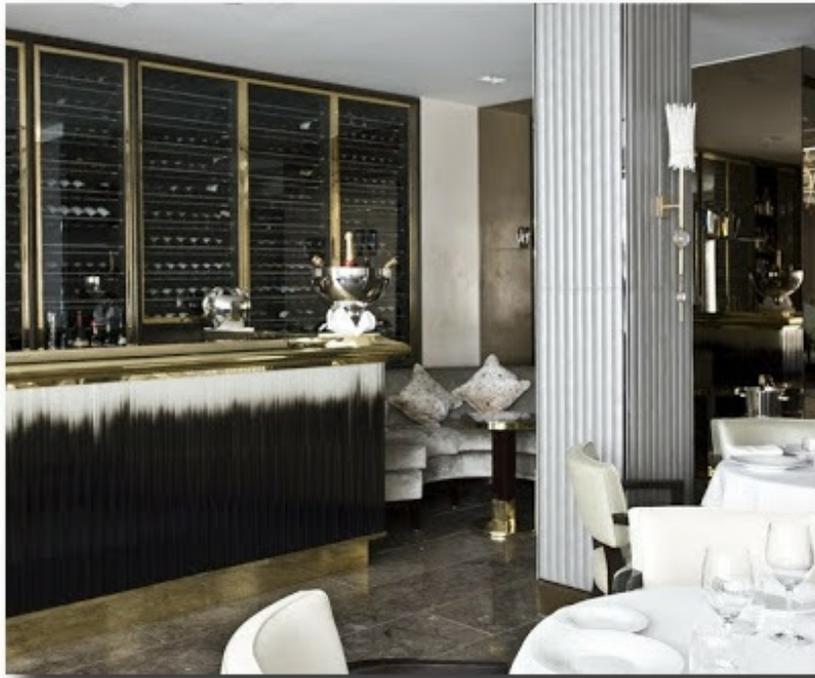
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