

## YOU CAN MAKE YOUR KITCHEN LOOK GRAND IF YOU EMPLOY A GOOD DESIGNER TO HELP, SAYS CHLOE SCOTT

In the 1930s, architect Frank Lloyd Wright said the hearth was the heart of the home. Now that electricity has replaced the fireplace, the kitchen is the hub. But making an inviting contemporary space isn't easy. Experts share their secrets to a successful kitchen.

### THE BUDGET KITCHEN

Architect: [www.architect-yourhome.com](http://www.architect-yourhome.com)

Walnut joinery: [www.markestephensfurniture.co.uk](http://www.markestephensfurniture.co.uk)

Lighting: [www.anglepoise.com](http://www.anglepoise.com)

Furnishings: [www.magnet.co.uk](http://www.magnet.co.uk)

If you're on a tight budget but want a well designed kitchen, architectyourhome.com might help. You can hire an architect on a pay-as-you-go basis and glean their advice, then save by doing the rest of the work yourself. That's what Emma and Andy Garrett did when extending their 1920's London home (pictured).

Employing Hugo Tugman on this basis, they created a well-planned room that hid appliances provided seating and divided areas for cooking and dining. Tugman suggested they double the kitchen island as dining table to save room. 'They wanted the kitchen as the central room so it made sense that it worked for socialising as much as cooking,' he says. He also advised they make the island extra large as a focal point. 'They were daunted at first – the island is more than two square metres – but they trusted me. And it

works. It's thick walnut, so you almost feel like you're at Kind Arthur's Table,' he explains.

Even on a budget, consider the worktops carefully. 'The key is to get the worktops right. Emma used her costs effectively. The worktops are quality but the other furnishings are standard from Magnet. 'The finale was the lighting. 'I suggested a classic angle poise-style lamp and Emma found one to her taste.



Sustainable timber was used throughout and they finished off the feel by using walnut joinery from Mark Stephens Furniture. The overall extension, including two new bedrooms and a living as well as the kitchen, cost £100,000. They paid only £3,382 for the architect's advice.