

# Kitchen catwalk



Today's kitchens are all about cooking with visual entertainment.

Luxury designs were on show at the world's leading kitchen expo, Eurocucina, in Milan recently and Sydney Kitchens' designer Simon Scott was there. Here he shares his top five emerging trends in kitchen design.

**Timber Returns:** There was a distinct resurgence in timber this year. Walnut and dark timbers dominated, juxtaposed with neutral tones of white grey or pearlescent metallic finishes.

**Bespoke Design:** Custom joinery reigned supreme, with appliances and benchtops set at different heights for improved ergonomics. Concealing appliances and benchtops behind sliding doors was popular as kitchens become the home's main feature.

**Cabinet Reinvention:** Innovation in automatic closing devices for large doors, lift-ups and drawers gave kitchens a "wow" factor. Glass

shelving as the bottom of wall cabinets directed LED lighting inside the cabinet

## **Cooking with Visual Entertainment:**

As kitchens become a central living space, sleek television screens and sound systems are being integrated into them. High-quality sound and iPod docks set into thick display shelving featured prominently. It's a trend already making its mark in Australia

**Natural Stone:** The continuing trend for benchtops in luxury kitchens is natural stone, such as granite and marble. Natural stone can provide a captivating focal point to a kitchen.

"Given that food and houses are the epitome of comfort and culture in Australia, it's no surprise Australians are obsessed with making their kitchens the best feature of their home," Mr Scott said. "Making the kitchen easier to use and enjoy is an important lifestyle choice."

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