

1 dream kitchen 15 real ideas

Imagine yourself in this bright, sunny space, all clean countertops and modern accents. Now hang on to that feeling! With a few key tweaks, you can get your own kitchen looking this great. Who's ready to cook?



Designer tips

1 "Look at the outside of your house for inspiration," says designer Jessica Helgerson, who created this kitchen for a client. "This home had a white brick exterior and a red roof, which led me to subway tiles and the stools!" 2 Pay attention to the ceiling: If you paint it the same shade as the walls and cabinets, the whole space will seem bigger. 3 Don't bother with curtains. The steel panes of these windows match the crisp mood of the room and let in a happy flood of light.

Reach this level of gorgeousness on an every-day budget!

DREAM ROOM



1 A pretty drawer detail

Juice press!

Open shelving = easy access

A splash of red works magic in a black-and-white space.

1 Stunning orchid, lasts for forever. Artificial orchid, \$39.99; houseofsilflowers.com. 2 Fill pots in an instant with a gleamy (and so cool) faucet. AquaSource pull-down faucet, \$198; lowes.com. 3 This adjustable pendant light adds European charm to the mix. Large Porter pendant, \$129; potterybarn.com. 4 A hot spot for salad—or random detritus. Salad bowl, \$39.95; pier1.com. 5 For the counters, pre-cut pieces of walnut are cheaper than big slabs and still look terrific. Countertop, \$120 for 12x25-inch block; butcherblockco.com. 6 A tall, marble-topped table is ideal with stools. French kitchen island, \$999; cristaandbarrel.com. 7 Fresh juice, anyone? OrangeX juicer, \$100; williams-sonoma.com. 8 Shelves to free up space and display your pretty dishware. Appliaré shelf, \$39.99; ikea.com. 9 These stools are cute and super-durable. Tabouret 24-inch stools, \$90 for 2; overstock.com. 10 Bin pulls are the easiest way to make over cabinets. Wayfair pull, \$6.06; buy.com. 11 The designer used these glam—and pricey—tiles. Paccha tile, \$24.94 per square foot; annsacks.com for stores. 12 We found similar ones, minus the sticker shock! Mission Tile Trebol, \$4.81 each; aventtiletile.com.