

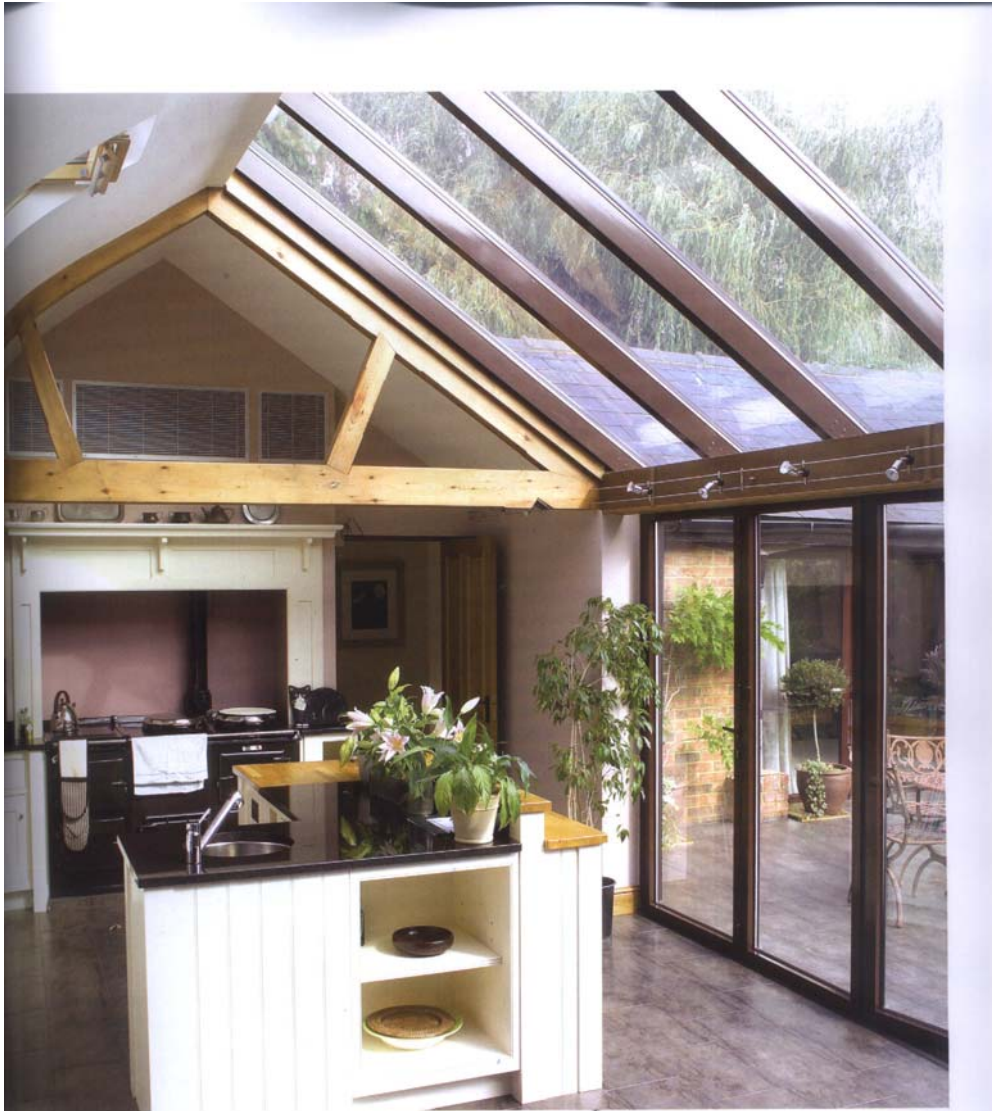
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Kitchen trends are constantly shifting, so it's no surprise that after 50 years of the reign of fitted cabinetry, we are starting to look for other ways to tailor the room to suit our tastes. Yet, even if we love period styles, few of us would want to lose out on the convenience of new technology. Says Rob Gelling, Partner at Bulthaup Oxford, "The key is to design a modern kitchen from natural materials.

It shouldn't compete with the architecture of a building and must be able to facilitate a 21st century lifestyle. Telephones, computers and plasma screen televisions are also chosen for period homes so there's absolutely no reason why a good furniture designer can't achieve a scheme that's not only sympathetic to a historic property but functional, innovative, ergonomic, comfortable and contemporary too."

above A glass extension gives a new lease of life to this bungalow and makes a contemporary contrast to the classical furniture within. The ceiling support ties in with the sloping roof while identical flooring links the inside and out. Expect to pay from £30,000 for a bespoke structure, at Apropos Tectonic. A similar kitchen costs from £40,000, at Simply Wood. **Tel: 0161 342 8200. www.apropos-tectonic.com. Tel: 01288 321772. www.simplywood.ltd.uk**