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MODERN STYLE

1. A kitchen/dining extension with roof lantern and fully glazed end wall, by Malbrook Conservatories.
2. A conservatory extension along the side return, by Town & Country.
3. This ultra-modern conservatory by Trombé is in steel and aluminium with glass rafters.
4. Sleek, modern and angular, this conservatory by Apropos has a dark frame to match the existing windows.

"Many people have moved beyond the Victorian pastiche of traditional-style conservatories. Contemporary design provides exciting opportunities beyond the conventional solutions"

Alan West, owner and design director, Trombé

The trend for open-plan living is resulting in many older houses being opened up across the ground-floor area to create one large room for cooking, dining and entertaining. This arrangement has a distinctly modern feel, and a contemporary conservatory or glass extension is the ideal way to flood the area with light and blur the boundaries between inside and out. Modern conservatories tend to be boxy with clean lines, some giving the illusion of a frameless structure. While there are several companies that produce modern styles to order, a glass extension may have a wider impact on a building, requiring alterations to flooring, thresholds and doorways, so on larger projects it is always wise to consult an architect. ▶

KITCHEN CONSERVATORIES

A glass extension is a popular choice for open-plan living, but there are some practicalities that you should bear in mind:

- Plumbing and draining services will require Building Regulations approval (see page 167).
- Hard floors and large expanses of glass can amplify sound so choose appliances with the lowest noise levels.
- An ultra-efficient extractor will prevent cooking smells and steam from intruding into the rest of the house.
- Plan the position of your preparation areas carefully with the work surface area out of full sunlight.

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