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Q&A

OLI STEPHENSON

Speaking to us at the launch of Life Kitchens, founder Oli hopes to put customers at the front and centre of the design process.

Life is all about creating realistic kitchens and lifestyle solutions for real people by listening to what they want. We hope these kitchens will reflect their personal style and their life.

Kitchen design was set in its ways – for a long time, it was really formal and traditional. I want this space to be open and friendly, so families can come together without the parents constantly shouting, ‘don’t touch that!’

There’s certainly a lot of choice, and whilst other designers choose one style (and do it well), no homeowner should be limited to a single offering. Here, you can have a Shaker door and also a slab one, if that’s what suits your lifestyle.

If I had to choose my favourite set, I’d probably say Strong. It’s industrial and

edgy, but then I also really love the gin bar area we’ve created from the Refined set, which is totally different.

We won’t ask your budget. Not as the first question, anyway. It’s important, sure, but considering people spend 80% of their time in the kitchen now, my first question is ‘What are you going to want to do in the space?’

The designers, Daniela Condo and Giuseppe Consiglio, came on board when I had nothing to show them except a rough layout of the showroom space and the concept of the business. Quite bravely, they both said yes. I respect them a lot, and they’ve been a massive part of building the business.

With smart storage solutions an integral part of all sets, you can have a fantastic kitchen even in a London apartment where space is premium.

Am I planning anything more? We’ll see how this goes!



FRESH DESIGN

One of the most coveted range cookers in traditional kitchens, La Cornue is celebrating its 110th anniversary by collaborating with renowned French street artist, Kongo. The result is a fusion of past and present in six graphic ovens, named after destinations – shown here is Middle East. They’re limited, and priced from around £263,500 each. lacornue.com



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ARTFUL DRINKING

Sleek, glossy and beautiful, it’s almost impossible to tell at first glance that this is, in fact, a water filter. The freestanding OVOPUR’s egg shape prevents stagnation and reduces bacteria build-up, whilst the ceramic reservoir is a pollutant-free alternative to plastic bottles, costing £595. stokes-coffee.co.uk

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