

HOME FINDS

CONTRAST *kitchen*

Today's kitchen is a blend of modern and rustic—where an efficient workspace and a laidback, relaxed environment co-exist in perfect harmony.

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A much welcome break from the all-white kitchen we have been seeing for the past few years, this mix of finishes, texture and colour add much needed warmth and interest to this space. "The juxtaposition of exotic Macassar Ebony Wood on the bar with classic Calcutta marble in a honed finish, and two-toned cabinetry give this kitchen an eclectic and contemporary expression while remaining utterly traditional," says designer Evelyn Eshun of her latest kitchen design project. The balance of light and dark, warm and cool, stone and wood, is a perfect example of contrast done right. evelyneshun.com

From a full renovation to a moderate update, these latest items will add that cosy farmhouse flair to a modern kitchen...



← GO BIG!

An oversized iron wall clock that adds a bit of graphic drama to the kitchen. Yellow Iron Wall Clock 26"D, \$150; cobistyle.com



BIG-BATCH BAKER

Add a stand mixer to your kitchen in this cheery retro hue. Ten-speed control provides settings from very slow to high. Stainless-steel bowl with ergonomic handle locks into the base; easy-install two-piece pouring shield facilitates addition of ingredients. KitchenAid Artisan Stand Mixer, Aqua, \$499.95; crateandbarrel.ca



That's Italian!

Dual colour ranges, textured matte finishes, mixed metal accents and thoughtful retro details characterize the exterior of the Deco line range from iconic Italian brand Technogas Superiore. Designed and engineered for the North American consumer at mid-range pricing, the DECO line arrived in Canada just this past January. This six burner configuration and extra large gas oven is available in 36" and 48" gas ranges and hoods. There are four colour choices available: black, brown, red and cream. Shown here in classic brown and gold, Superiore 36" starts at \$8,699; superiore.ca



DABBLE WITH DISTRESSED

Paying tribute to classic Shaker style, the clean, simple lines and weathered grey-ash frame serves both as a dining table and a work surface. It also includes two slim drawers in the apron and two wheels for easy mobility. Ready to expand for extra guests, the dining table has drop leaves at either end that prop up with hidden arm supports. Brookline Grey Dining Table, \$1,699; crateandbarrel.ca

RUSTIC & REFINED

Distinctive distressing gives floors that much desired rustic look. Topped off with a brushed, low-gloss finish, this warm & contemporary look is just at home in a farmhouse as it is in a trendy loft. Brushed Oak Cherbourg, \$8.95 per square foot; kentwoodfloors.com

Freestanding Banquette

Seat more people with a cosy banquette. This one is the perfect height for dining and would fit three people in a pinch. Marigold Dining Banquette, \$2,600 in fabric shown (Maxwell Fabrics, pattern Valerianne, colour 102 Chestnut); [cobistyle](http://cobistyle.com) through Silva Custom Upholstery, cobistyle.com



VINTAGE VIBE:

Those cold, hard, shiny surfaces in the kitchen thankfully are easily softened with retro touches that add charm and personality.



Glow of Nostalgia

Textured metallic bowl pours sunny light over a dining table or any home setting with design-statement drama. Crafted of aluminum, the single-bulb pendant light has an antique pewter exterior with hammered surface details. Inside, the lamp glows with an antique gold finish; at its best with a vintage filament light bulb. Rodan Pendant Light, \$449; crateandbarrel.ca

SIL SAYS:

I am loving the modern farmhouse kitchen trend... this perfect blend of tomorrow's technology with yesteryear's soul...you really can have it all!



↑ Bistro Collection Rolling Pin, \$25; indigo.ca

ROLL WITH RETRO

the earliest-known baking tool

← The Pioneer Woman Flea Market Rolling Pin With Wood Handle - \$21.98; walmart.com

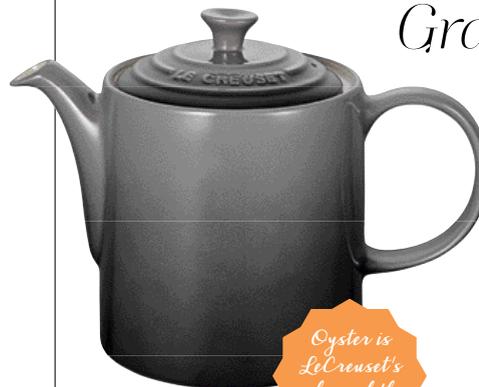


FABULOUS FLORALS

Add casual elegance and quirky charm to your dinner table. This lovely set features a colourful floral design with turquoise accents for a quaint yet sophisticated take on classic china. The 12-piece dinnerware set is dishwasher- and microwave-safe and comes complete with four dinner plates, four salad plates and four bowls so you can serve multiple courses without scrambling for extra dishes. The Pioneer Woman Vintage Bloom 12-piece Dinnerware Set, \$79.94; walmart.com

ARTISANAL TOUCHES

The artisanal appeal of these canisters two-toned, dipped glazing adds fresh colour to the kitchen. Earthenware. Made in Portugal. Aqua Dip Canisters, \$27.95 - \$35.95; crateandbarrel.ca



Grand Teapot

The tall design of the Grand Teapot is suitable for serving either tea or coffee. It has a large, easy grip handle which remains cold to the touch, making lifting and pouring effortless. It includes a steam hole, locking lid and an anti-drip spout to avoid spillages. Its convenient 1.3L capacity is the perfect size for 4 cups of tea. Grand Teapot, \$60; lecreuset.com

Oyster is LeCreuset's colour of the year

--SIL'S PICK--



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French Glaze

Handcrafted by a famed French ceramics factory founded in 1857, this casual, elegant dinnerware collection is all about the glaze. Finished with an amber-reactive glaze, the clean, modern shapes rendered in stoneware display unique patterning and tonal effects. Fired at very high temperatures, the dinnerware has exceptional strength and durability. Jars Tourron Amber 16-pc Dinnerware Set, \$589.95; crateandbarrel.ca

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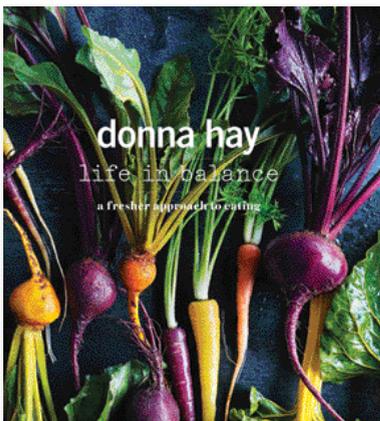


Go Graphic

A fun update to classic Delftware designs, this playful navy and white pattern is stamped and painted by hand. Scalloped Print Dinnerware, set of 4, \$20; westelm.com

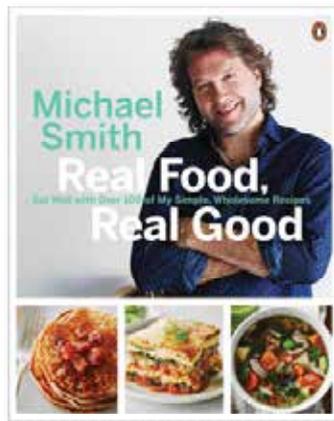
EVERY GREAT KITCHEN IS RECIPE-RICH...

HERE IS OUR TRINITY OF COOKBOOKS BY RENOWNED CHEFS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE



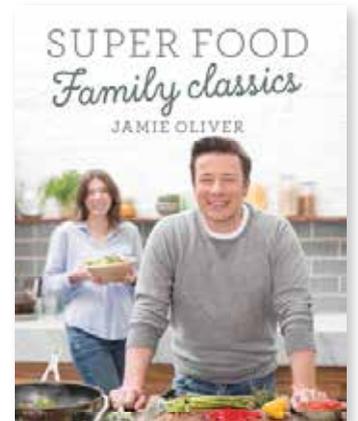
Life in Balance by Donna Hay

Australia's most trusted home cook is celebrating a fresher approach to eating. With all the contradictory messages of what to eat more of, less of and what to give up altogether, it can all get a little confusing and overwhelming. It's a relief to turn to a voice of reason, Australia's best-selling and most trusted cook, Donna Hay, for a realistic, sustainable and more balanced approach to fresher, healthier eating. *Life in Balance*, \$34.99; indigo.ca



Real Food, Real Good by Michael Smith

Real food is easy to make, delicious and good for you. Michael Smith, a passionate advocate for healthy homemade meals enjoyed around the kitchen table, knows what it takes to keep cooking simple and chock-full of natural, wholesome ingredients. In *Real Food, Real Good*, Michael shares more than 100 brand-new recipes with ingredients that are great choices for a healthy lifestyle. *Real Food, Real Good*, \$32; indigo.ca



Super Food Family Classics by Jamie Oliver

Jamie's *Super Food Family Classics* continues with the popular philosophy behind Jamie's *Everyday Super Food*, bringing exciting healthy eating to the heart of the home. Freshen up your family favourites and expand your recipe repertoire with new nutritious, tasty meals—make your weekly menu something to shout about. *Super Food Family Classics*, \$37.99; indigo.ca