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Kitchens have evolved beyond purely functional rooms and so, too, has decorating them.

'Kitchens have become galleries and living areas and so the ergonomics of the room needs to be treated with a new social dimension,' says interior decorator Hubert Zandberg, who designed this green kitchen to reflect the colour scheme and the vibrant outdoors of the home it's in. 'Our goal was to create a mood that's an extension of the home and the starting point is always a found object - an antique or market find - that brings soul and makes the space feel less fitted,' he explains. Even functional pieces were custom treated to appear older and more character-filled.

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HIDE AND SLEEK

The kitchen space need not be filled with pots, pans and a clutter of cooking paraphernalia.

'Many things in life can be made easier and better through intelligent minimisation,' says Ramón Casadó, director and co-owner of Bulthaup. The b1 kitchen, which is featured here, focuses on individual structural elements: the island, the wall line and the tall unit block. 'Including only the essentials implies a deliberate use of just a few high-quality materials to create an organic and complete whole,' he says. Ramón's tip on creating a simple yet functional kitchen interior? Opt for translucent white glass sliding doors. Not only do they offer an ingenious storage solution but the interplay between open and closed spaces is an easy way to change displays in the kitchen. ▶

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EXPERT ADVICE

'A WHITE KITCHEN DOESN'T HAVE TO BE PREDICTABLE. DISCREET ADDITIONS, SUCH AS MIRRORS, POLISHED METAL AND MOULDINGS, ADD CHARACTER,' SAYS INTERIOR DECORATOR DYLAN THOMAZ.