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HOW TO MAKE A SPLASH

A smart splashback can transform the look of a kitchen. Here are three alternatives to classic tiles

MIRRORED For opulence and a light-filled room, try cladding a splashback with mirrored glass. New York-based interior designer Jenny Wolf used silver leaf to create this antiqued look (right, from £370 per square metre, Saligo Design; saligodesign.com).



POLISHED PLASTER This is a durable option that can withstand even the messiest of chefs. Plaster is breathable, meaning it allows moisture to evaporate swiftly. We love the 'Urbo' kitchen (left, from £35,000, Roundhouse; roundhousedesign.com).

PAINT Choose a colour that complements your cabinetry. Katy Fontana, creative director of British Standard suggests using an oil-based eggshell paint, which can withstand scuffs (kitchen, right, from £7,000, British Standard; britishstandardcupboards.co.uk).



CHOOSE A SUPERIOR SINK

Instantly update the look of your existing bathroom with a new washbasin. We've found three great alternatives to the traditional ceramic sink: a luxurious hand-blown Murano glass design by Italian brand Rexa Design (left), 'Energy' by DuPont (centre), crafted from Corian, and the geometric 'Diamond' solid stone basin by Purapietra (right).



'Esperanto' sink by Rexa Design, from £1,423, Day True (daytrue.com)



'Corian Energy' sink, from £250, DuPont (corian.co.uk)



'Diamond' sink by Purapietra, from £2,115, Via Arkadia (via-arkadia.co.uk)