

RAISING THE BAR

Below For those who take cocktail hour seriously, there's always the option to create a built-in bar area. This Martin Moore design co-ordinates with the American Black Walnut island in the kitchen beyond. Bespoke kitchens start from £35,000



SLEEK HOUSE

Making sure the bar area is clutter-free with practical storage solutions keeps it inviting for friends to sit at while you prepare dinner, as in this scheme by Monita Cheung and Design Space London. Prices start at £25,000

CENTRE OF ATTENTION

A statement island works to pull together a layout with grand proportions. Here, Scavolini's Diesel Open Workshop kitchen with Stock Rack open-shelving system creates a cool contemporary setting. Priced from £15,000



‘A bar area can be the perfect place to perch and chat or to have an impromptu cosy supper’

Sharan Johal, creative director of Vogue Kitchens

