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Smart by design

Modern kitchens are now dynamic lifestyle hubs where style meets function

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In the evolving narrative of home design, the kitchen is no longer a utilitarian nook tucked away from the rest of the house. It's becoming a fluid, expressive space where technology meets texture, and style meets substance. "The transformation of kitchens into lifestyle spaces is a trend catching up across lifestyle categories," says Nivedita Jagadeesh, director at Sobé Décor. As kitchens increasingly reflect personal aesthetics and routines, the market is booming. "Trends suggest

the category to reach USD 33 billion by 2030," she adds, "with the use of muted palettes, smart storage, and clean aesthetics taking centre stage."

Indeed, today's kitchens are dressed in soft hues. Think sage greens, sandy beiges, and gentle greys.

DID YOU KNOW? Practicality doesn't take a backseat to aesthetics;

brands are now curating designs that fuse global style with usability, ensuring modern kitchens are as expressive as they are efficient

These tones do more than soothe the eyes; they set the mood for mindfulness and warmth.

Functionality, however, is not sacrificed at the altar of beauty. "Brands today need to curate collections that blend global design sensibilities with everyday functionality," Jagadeesh points out, "so that modern homes create kitchens that are expressive and efficient."

This duality, efficiency blended with expression, is echoed by architects and designers across the board. "Today's kitchen trends are all about blending cutting-edge tech with tactile warmth," says Nilasha,



founder and principal architect at Studio Nilasha. The rising demand for smart kitchens hasn't dulled the desire for authenticity. "Homeowners are embracing muted colour palettes, streamlined smart storage, and the use of natural materials in home construction," she says.

Materials like wood, stone, and textured surfaces are making a strong comeback, not just for their eco-friendly appeal but for the emotional depth they bring. "Elements like wood, stone, and textured finishes help soften the sleekness of modern appliances," Nilasha explains, "striking

a perfect balance between innovation and comfort. These organic touches don't just offer visual appeal, they elevate the overall design aesthetic, adding warmth, depth, and a sense of timelessness." That sense of 'timeless-

ness" is deeply connected to how people experience food, family, and space. Sneha Ostwal, principal designer at SOURCE Architecture, observes, "Today's kitchens are evolving beyond just utility—they're becoming thoughtful, intelligent spaces that reflect how we live."

with highly efficient layouts. Smart storage solutions like tall pantries, appliance garages, and modular inserts are redefining how compact kitchens function."

Personalisation seems to be the keyword defining this design movement. Parul Mittal, director at Greenlam Industries, captures this shift aptly. She says, "Kitchen is the heart of the home" is a common saying that highlights the central role kitchen plays in people's lives and homes."

For Mittal, the modern kitchen is a direct reflection of the people who use it. "Today's kitchens are a reflection of personal taste, lifestyle, and functionality," she says. "There's a strong shift towards muted, earthy palettes that bring warmth and elegance."



From layouts to lighting, every element is now curated. "Today, we are seeing a shift towards warm, muted palettes that lend a sense of calm," she says, "paired