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Feature by Elizabeth Richards

space savers

Whatever its shape and size, the kitchen is the hardest working room in your home, so clear all clutter with clever storage solutions for a better organised, action-packed zone.



above Designed to make the most of all available kitchen space, Blum's full extension Synchronotion drawers ensure there is no wasted spots at the back while offering quick access to its contents. A great way to handle a tricky area, prices are all available on application. **Tel: 01908 285700. www.blum.com**



above Give your wine collection a brand new home with a Spiral Cellar. A pre-cast cylindrical system sunk into the ground, it provides storage for up to 1870 bottles, can be installed in just five days and has a trap door with optional reinforced glass panel. Expect to pay from around £14,000. **Tel: 0845 241 2768. www.spiralcellars.com**

right A solid acrylic material that can be cut to size and sculpted into lovely curves, glossy black Parapan® has been used here to create a simple yet ingenious bottle rack. It's available in 20 colours, priced around £317 per sq. m. **Tel: 0113 201 2240. www.parapan.co.uk**

perfect planning

Bottles are notoriously awkward to store efficiently, but a wine rack incorporated between units or into the surround of appliances is bound to utilise space that would otherwise remain vacant. For a serious collection of favourite tipples, look beyond the physical limitations of the area and consider installing a cellar beneath the floor. This is the equivalent of adding a small but indispensable room to your home, creating value and interest.

The disposal of household waste is another important matter to think about. Once a single bin was the only answer, but, these days, the most efficient solution is likely to be a divider system fitted into a cupboard. This would be positioned beneath the kitchen sink to allow for recycling – from glass to plastic – to be stashed in one place.

With so many fab innovations to choose from, achieving the perfect balance of housing for every item you'll need can sometimes be a challenge. The trick, when catering for a growing family, a new-found passion for baking, or the acquisition of a show-stopping gadget is to look forward. Are your requirements likely to change in the next five or ten years? By staying one step ahead, your solutions will serve you well into the future too. ■



below left This integrated recycling system will help to ensure the likes of cans, glass, paper and plastics will be correctly stored pre-collection. It's part of the walnut Artisan kitchen, that's priced around £10,000, at John Lewis of Hungerford. **Tel: 0700 278 4726. www.john-lewis.co.uk**



below The neat plinth drawers in this Original Hand Painted Collection kitchen are the key to practical storage for infrequently used items in an area that would otherwise remain empty. Expect to pay around £35,000, at Smallbone of Devizes. **Tel: 020 7589 5998. www.smallbone.co.uk**