

# The classic kitchen

The Classic kitchen has a smart, orderly feel and timeless quality. It is ideally suited to older homes where a traditional but non-rustic look is required and is well-suited to large kitchens with high ceilings. Traditional panelled cabinets are either left in natural wood or are painted in ivory or cream.

## Key elements of the classic kitchen

- A chimney breast housing the range cooker can create a focal point. A faux chimney can be installed if you don't have one – it is a good way to hide the extractor fan.
- Concealed appliances such as a large fridge freezer add to the uniformity of this look. An island can provide an eye-catching central feature and can double as a breakfast bar. Look out for clever storage features to enhance the smooth-running feel of the kitchen, including pull-out systems and smooth-closing drawers.
- Granite worktops are a popular choice, adding to the timeless feel of the room. Stone floors complement this look really well. A pale limestone will help maintain a clean, airy look whereas a honey-coloured travertine adds warmth and won't show dirty marks so quickly. With any stone floor, it's important that it is properly sealed to minimise staining.



**Above** Sizer kitchen from Simon Taylor. Expect to pay around £30,000 including installation.

**Main** Edwin Loxley's elegant and classically English Charterhouse kitchen is pictured in a Cranleigh cream finish, with Baltic Brown granite surfaces. Expect to pay around £19,000.