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Inspirational designs for creating your perfect open-plan living space from the UK's master retailer of the year

Putney's Kitchen Architecture



As Autumn draws in, our thoughts naturally turn to the comforts of home and preparing for the long winter nights ahead. With space at a premium in London many of us are opting for open-plan living. Having scooped the top national award for the second year running, The Master Retailer of the Year 2011, Putney's Kitchen Architecture is a must visit for anyone considering an open-plan scheme.

It's easy to see how Kitchen Architecture earned its reputation amongst discerning home-owners as the place to go for an open-plan living space. Originally opened in Summertown, Oxford in 2002, it opened its London showroom on the Lower Richmond Road in Putney in April 2009 and will open its Cheshire showroom in Wilmslow in the New Year.

Designed to maximise space and

natural light by opening up individual rooms, open-plan areas generally comprise kitchen, dining and soft seating, leading onto an outdoor area. As demonstrated by the Kitchen Architecture projects illustrated here, they provide the perfect environment for a modern busy lifestyle, as well as a fabulous sociable space for entertaining.

One of the key considerations for a sociable layout is to make sure that everything flows for all users. An island provides the main preparation area and gives all-round, easy access to work surfaces. The cook is able to keep one eye on the hob, face out towards family and friends and communicate effortlessly with them.

Readers looking for design ideas should visit the case-study section of Kitchen Architecture's website where you will find more beautiful examples of living spaces created by Kitchen Architecture. www.kitchenarchitecture.co.uk *Bulthaup b3 kitchens by Kitchen Architecture (as illustrated in photos) start from £35,000* Kitchen Architecture Ltd, 145-149 Lower Richmond Road, Putney, London, SW15 1EZ. T: 020 8785 1960 ■