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Grand plan

A kitchen that doesn't work for you will never be a pleasure to use, so take time to make the hub of your home perfect for the way you like to live

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Just because a kitchen is large, it doesn't mean it shouldn't be practical to use. This Soaro kitchen from Schifini features an L-shaped stainless-steel peninsula that — when coupled with the walnut units behind — keeps everything close to hand. Kitchens from Schifini start at £30,000



Above: SieMatic kitchens' custom-specified MultiMatic system can increase the storage capacity of units by up to 34% and houses everything from coffee filters to clingfilm and wine glasses. It can be added to as the kitchen ages. **Above right:** The peninsula in this compact but stylish kitchen-living area designed by Chris Lord of Johnson & Johnson Furniture divides the work and social areas, houses pan drawers and forms a breakfast bar. Kitchens cost from £10,000 to £70,000. **Right:** Nolte's Manhattan range provides work space as well as a dining area suitable for adults and children. The wall space is used to maximum effect with ceiling-height units, perfect for rarely used items. Shown in Italian walnut, priced from around £15,000. **Below:** The Valcucine Artematica Multiline units in this Kitchen Culture side extension space feature shelves, a wall-hung worktop, tall units with frosted glass doors, aluminium side panels and plinth legs — all maximising the effect of the glass brick wall. Kitchens start at £25,000

