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Find us an architect or interior designer who doesn't believe in the value of a well-designed kitchen, and we'll call their bluff. It's a commonly known fact that the humble kitchen is one of the most important rooms in the home. A space for daily rituals and often the centre of every party (you know it's true), we all know the kitchen *matters*. But like everything in interiors, certain elements of kitchen design fall in and out of favour. Over the years, we've seen all manner of kitchen trends rise to popularity—from concealed cabinets and starkly minimal benchtops to curated shelves and Hamptons-style cupboards—it's clear the kitchen is just as susceptible to trends as the rest of the home.

So when it comes to predicting what's next in the realm of kitchen design, we trust one main source: architects and interior designers. Here, we asked 13 designers and architects from Australia and the United States to share their kitchen design predictions for 2024.

13. Bring back the butler

Lisa Schwert, founder of Connecticut-based architecture and design firm Innate Studio, concurs. "We're noticing a growing trend where clients prefer to have spacious pantry and serverly areas that allow them to keep most of the mess associated with hosting out of the main kitchen," she says. A butler's pantry or secondary kitchen space is also ideal for installing additional appliances, like a second dishwasher, sink, oven and larger freezer. "This approach not only makes hosting more convenient but also allows for greater design flexibility to create a more elevated and spacious main kitchen area," adds Schwert.