

The Kitchen Design Guide





Key Considerations

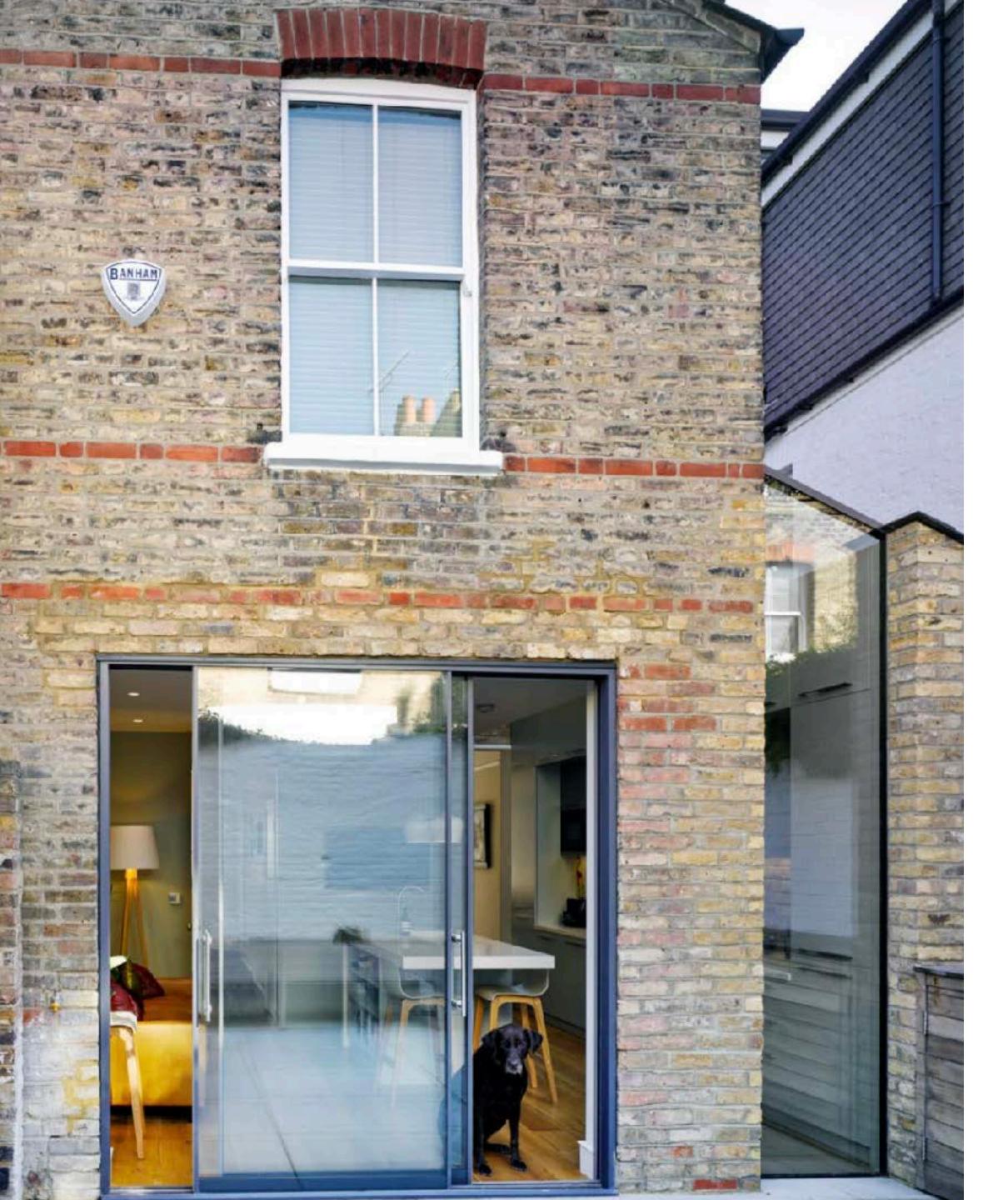
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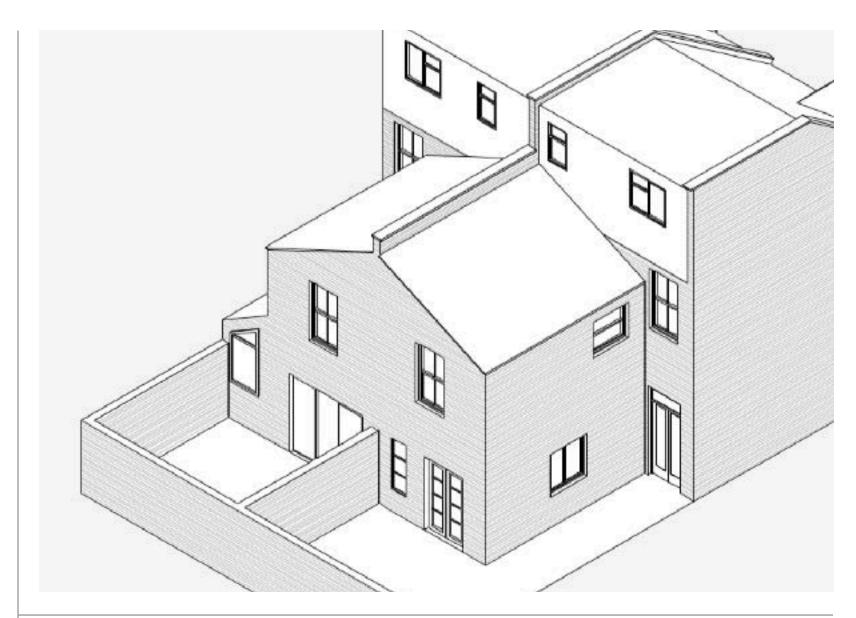


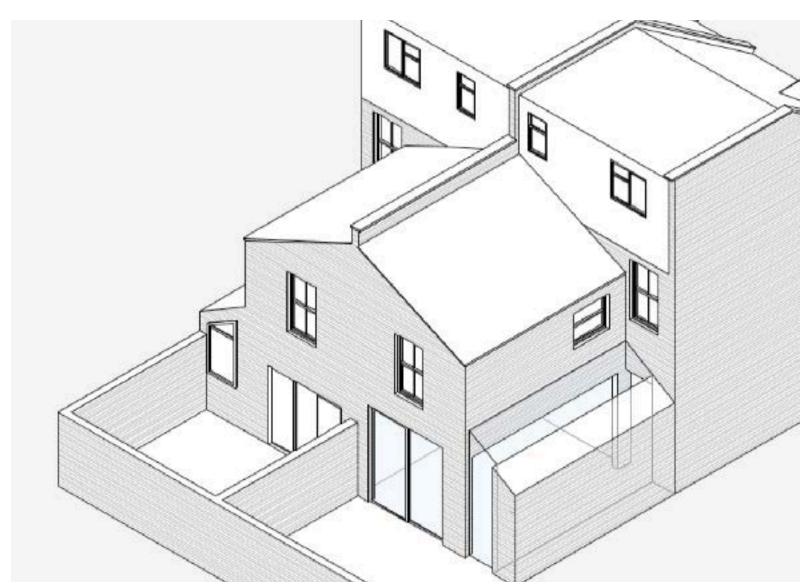
Creating Space

When to get a kitchen designer involved?











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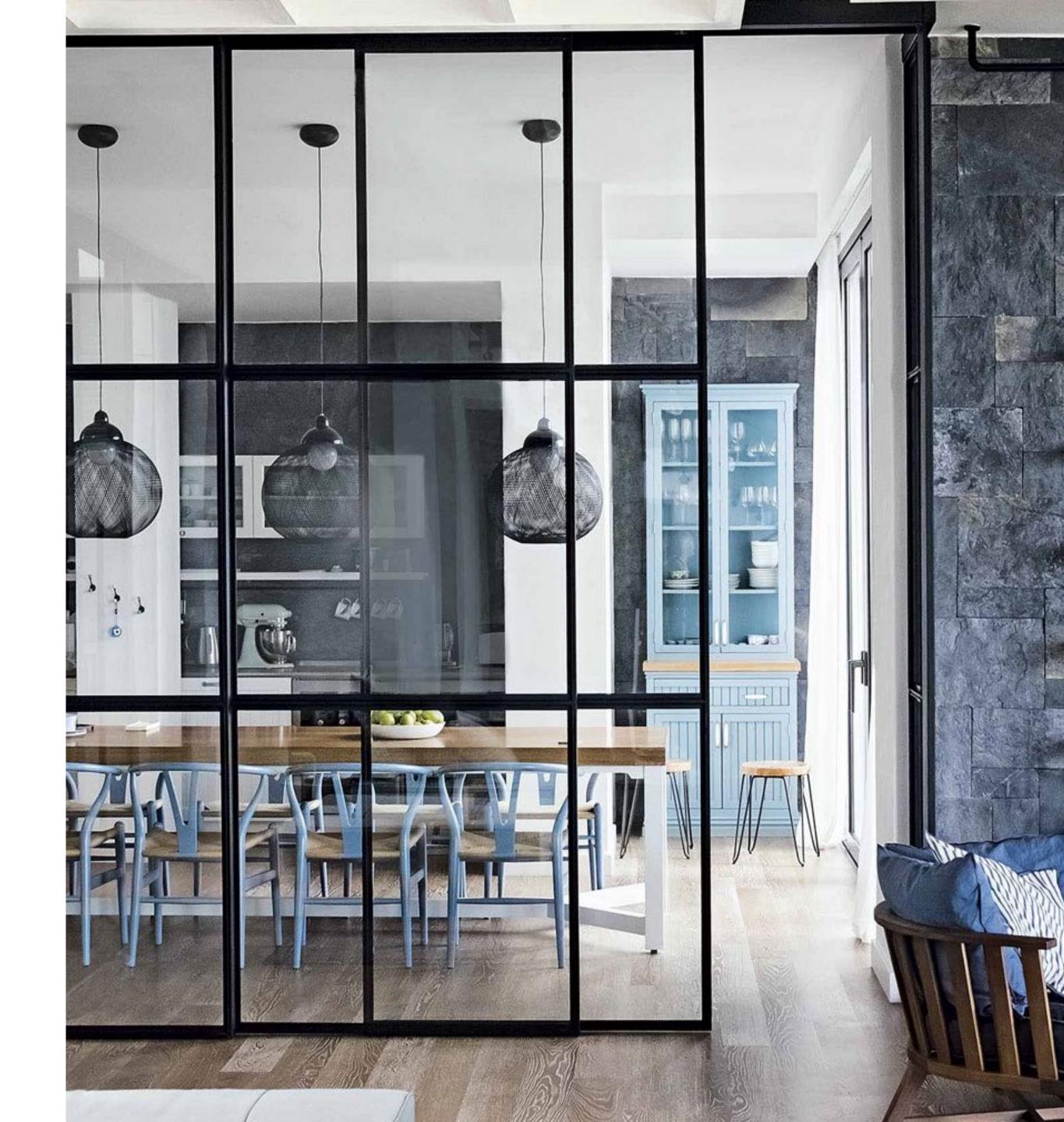
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Open Plan v Broken Plan

Creating zones, delineating areas

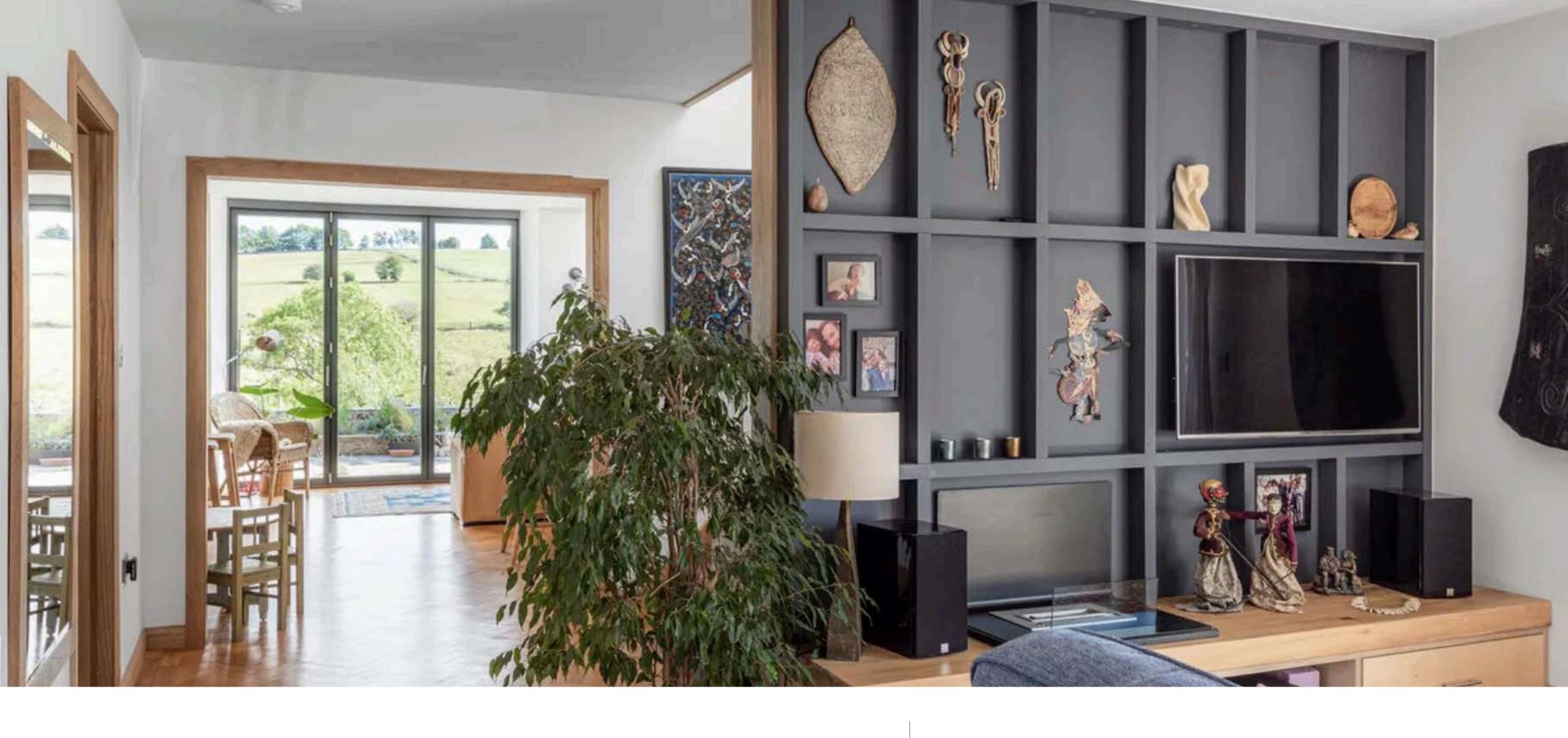


What goes on in your kitchen?

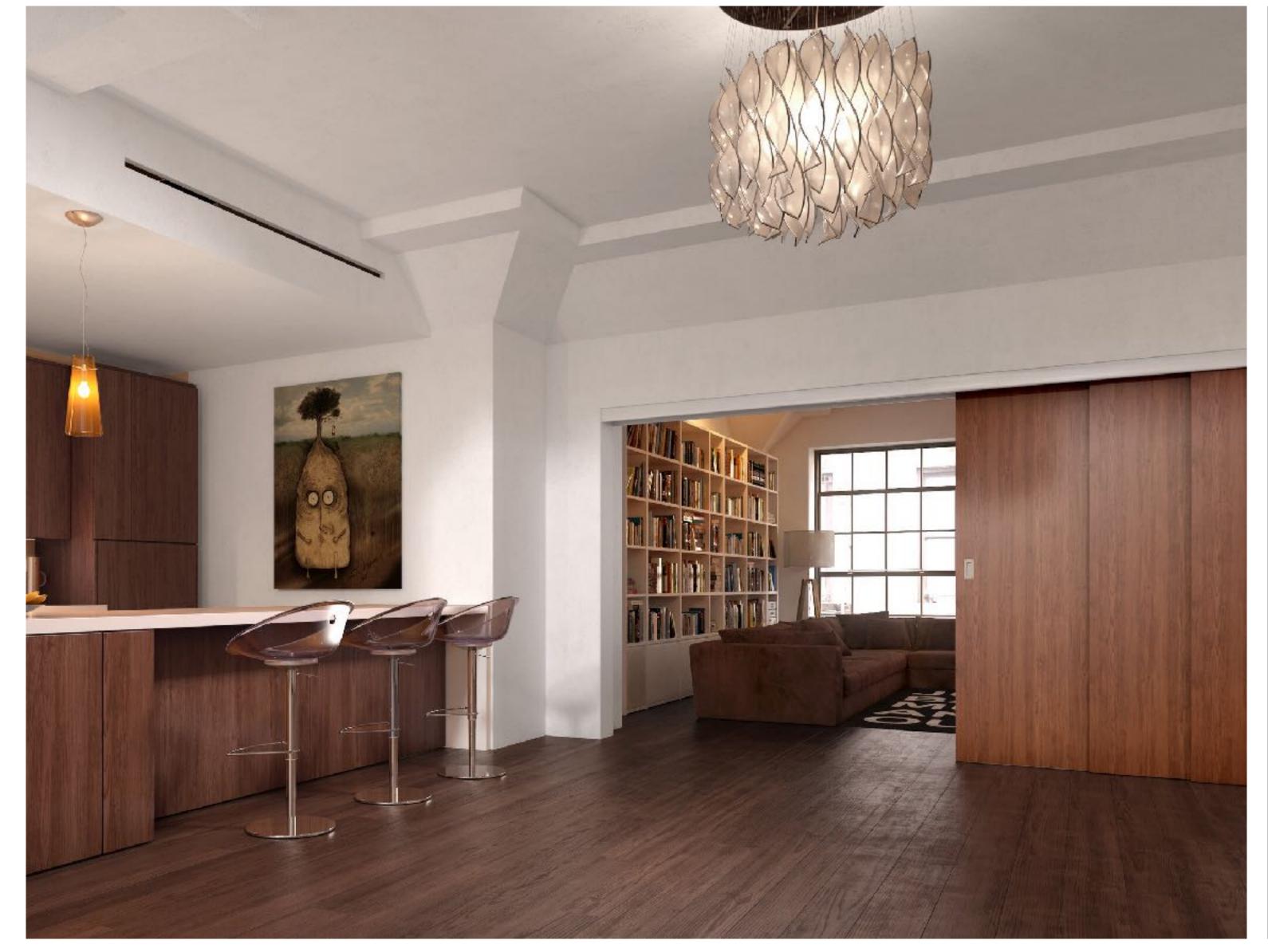
- Working from Home
- Children's Homework
- Family Socialising
- Parties
- Relaxation
- TV Viewing
- Music/Reading
- Seasonal requirements
- Future proof







Part Walls with Shelving/ Media







Sliding Doors | Open Shelving | Screening | Half-Walls





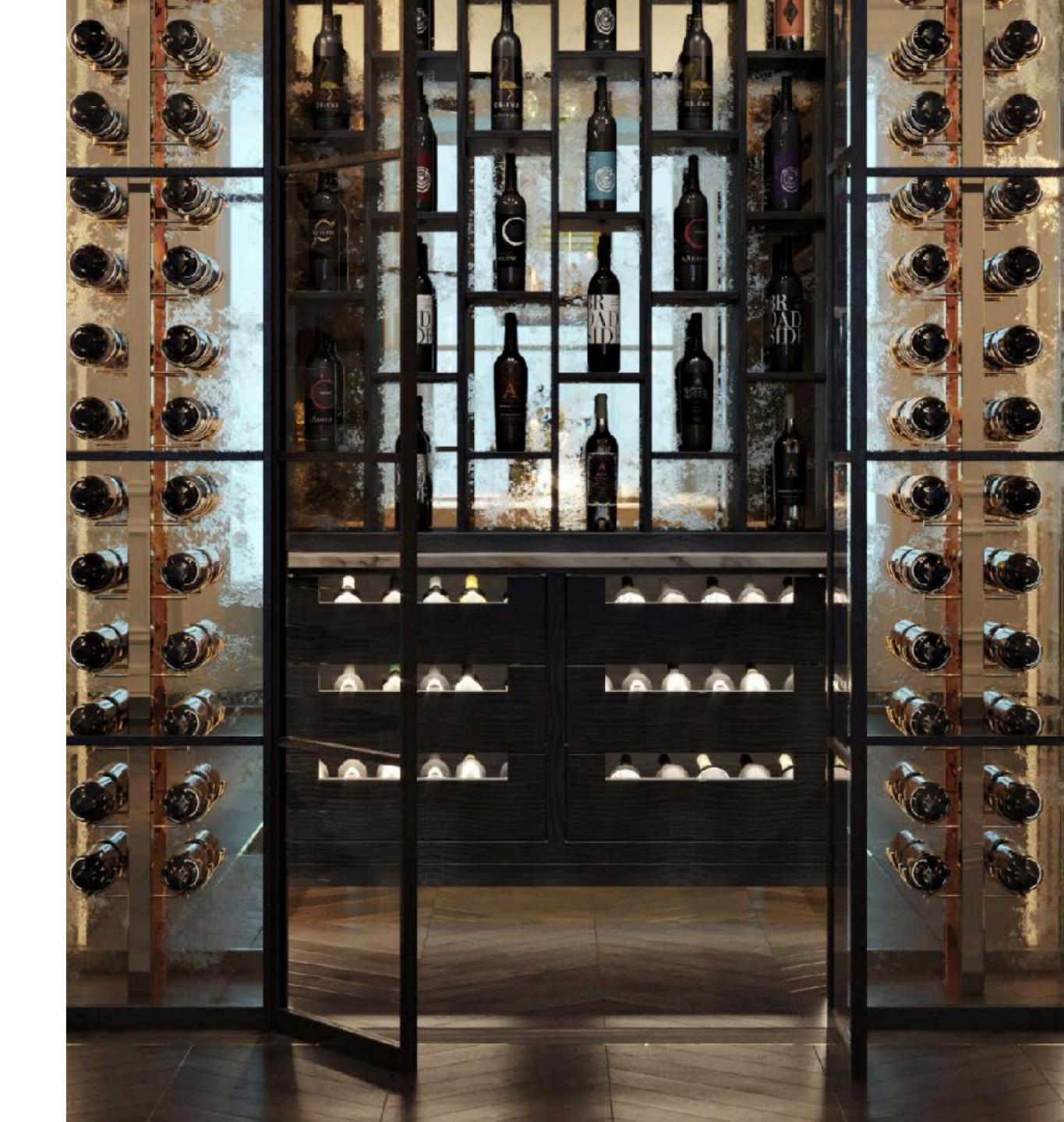


Glazed Panels

Traditional or Contemporary

Activities and Storage

More than just a place to cook



Dedicated work area

Space 'stolen' from room behind



Dedicated Bar

A place to host



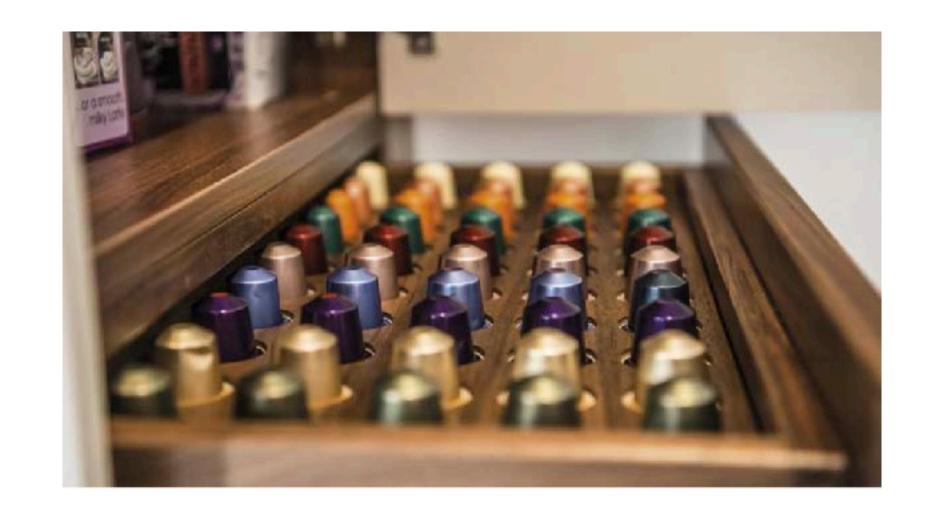
Coffee/ Breakfast Area

Designated activity cabinet



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Designated storage to suit





Baking Cabinet

Appliances plugged in ready to use, everything you need to hand



Dry Foods Storage - Larder

Keep track of your 'stock'











Storage

How much do you really need?!



Each Design Decision...

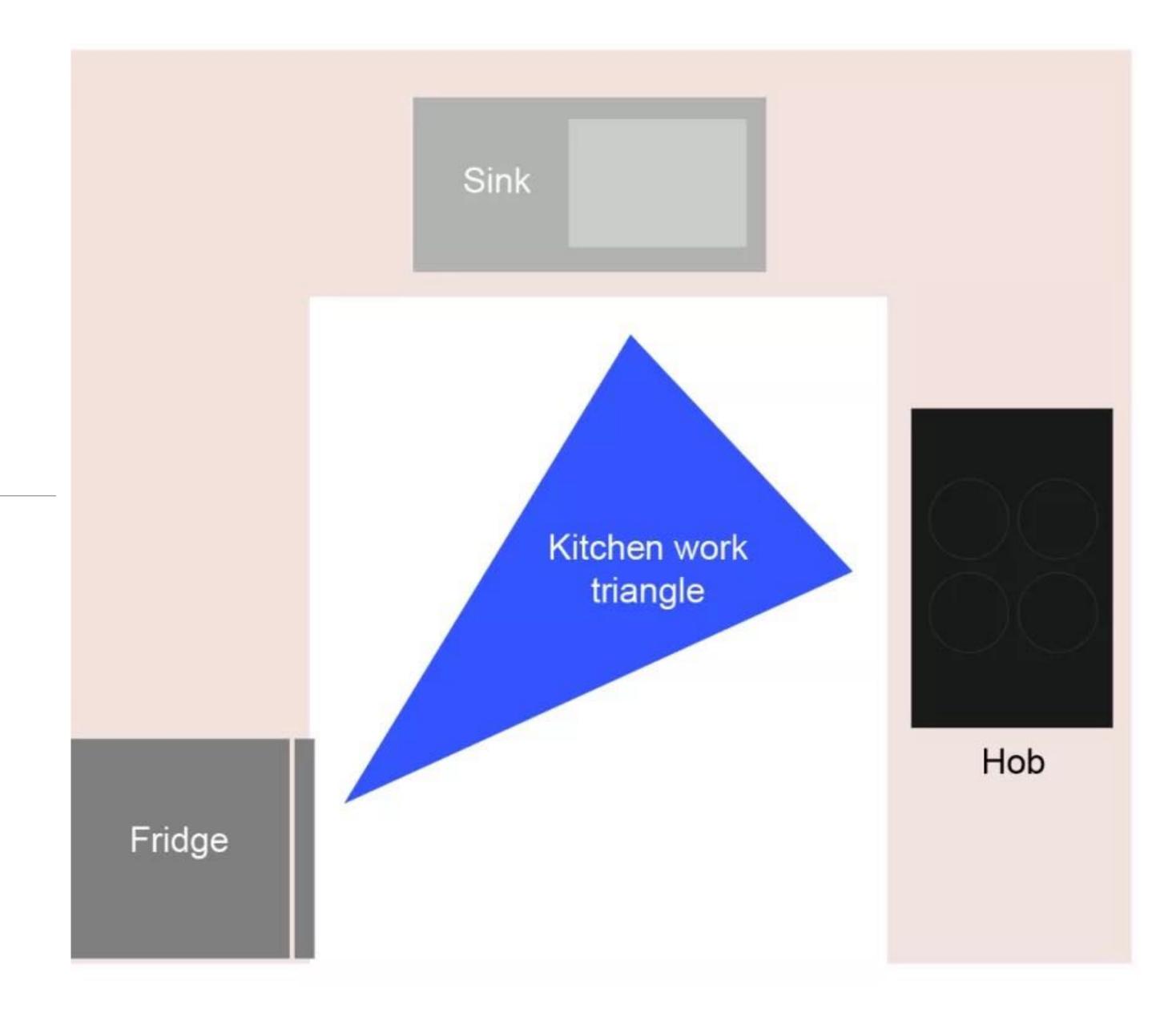
Should ensure...

- Your storage absolutely suits what is required to be stored
- You have a home for everything
- Your work flow is improved
- Your enjoyment of the space is improved



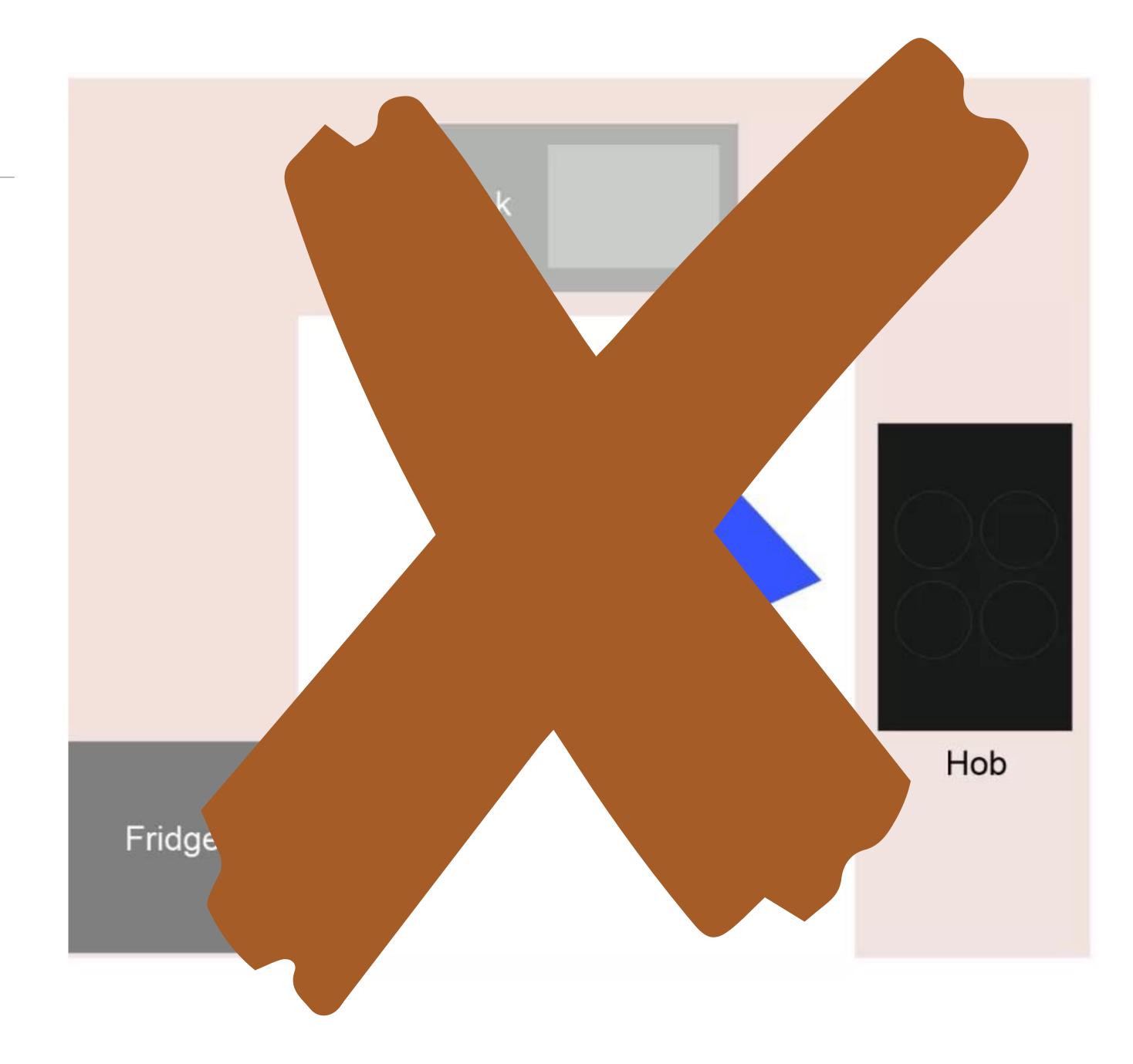
Layouts

A new approach



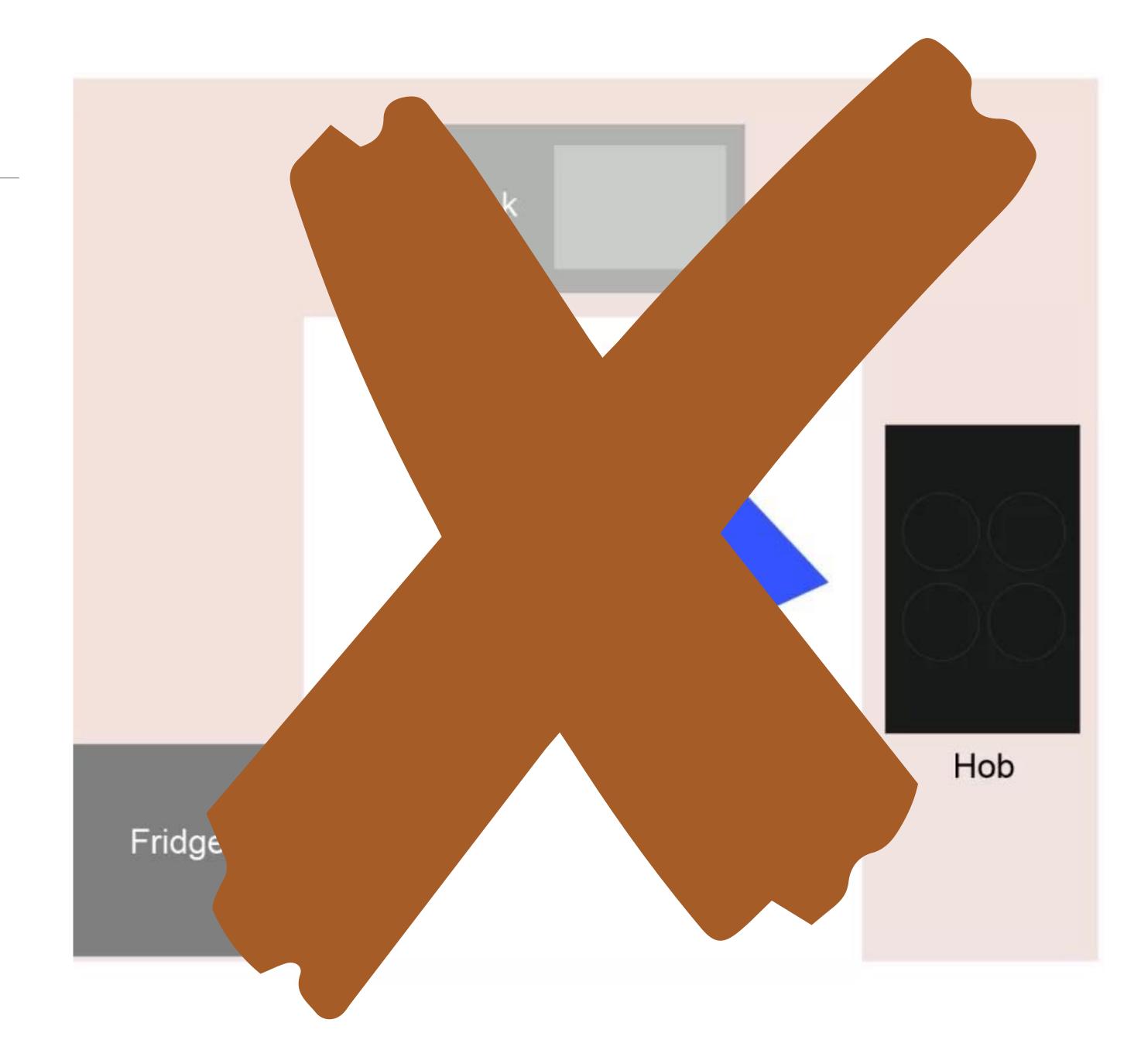
The Work Triangle

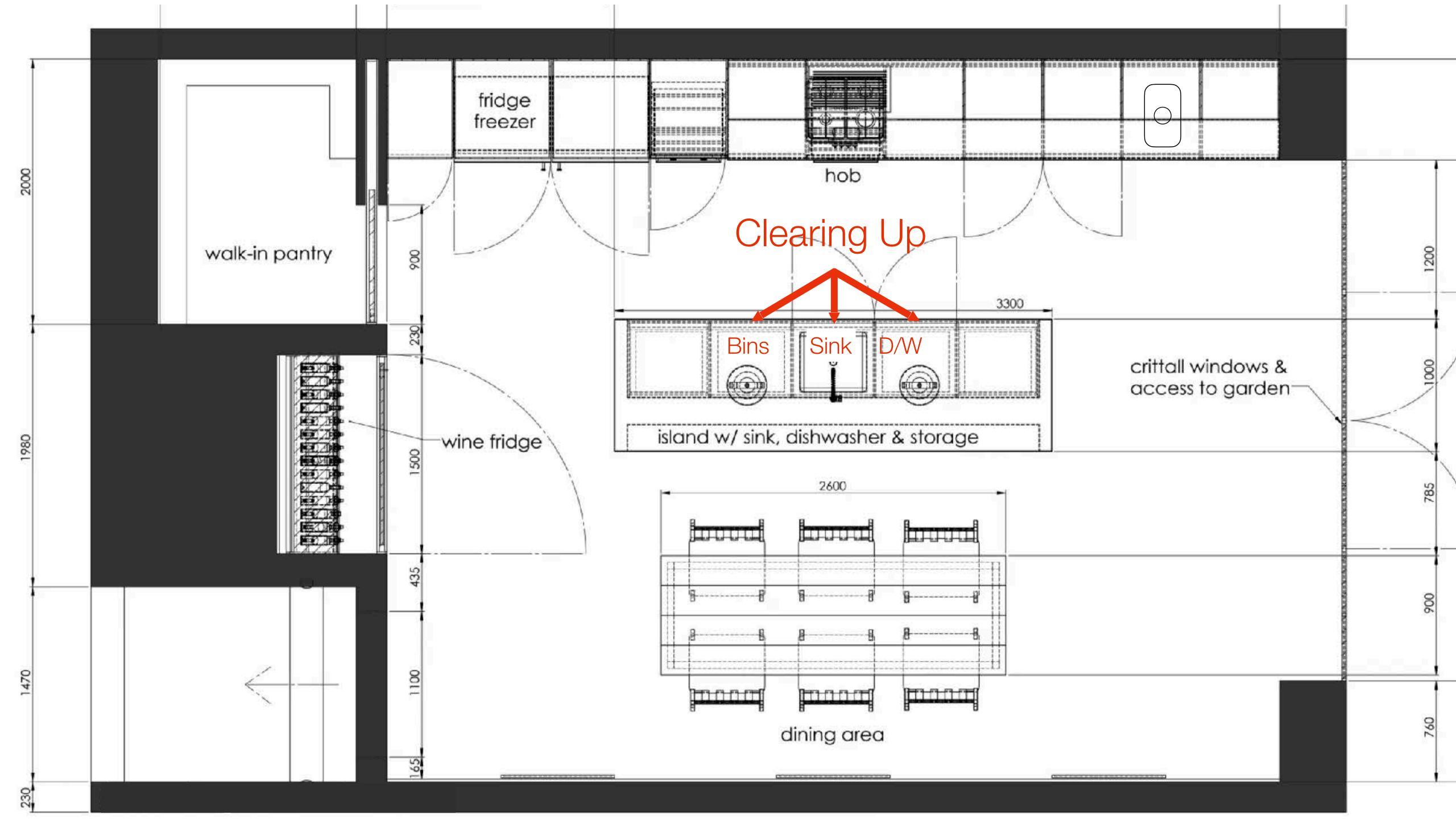
- Developed over 100 years ago
- Women no longer spending 10-12 hours a day on the kitchen
- We have many time-saving appliances
- How we spend our time has changed
- How we socialise at home has changed
- Kitchens in the UK have doubled in size since the 1920s

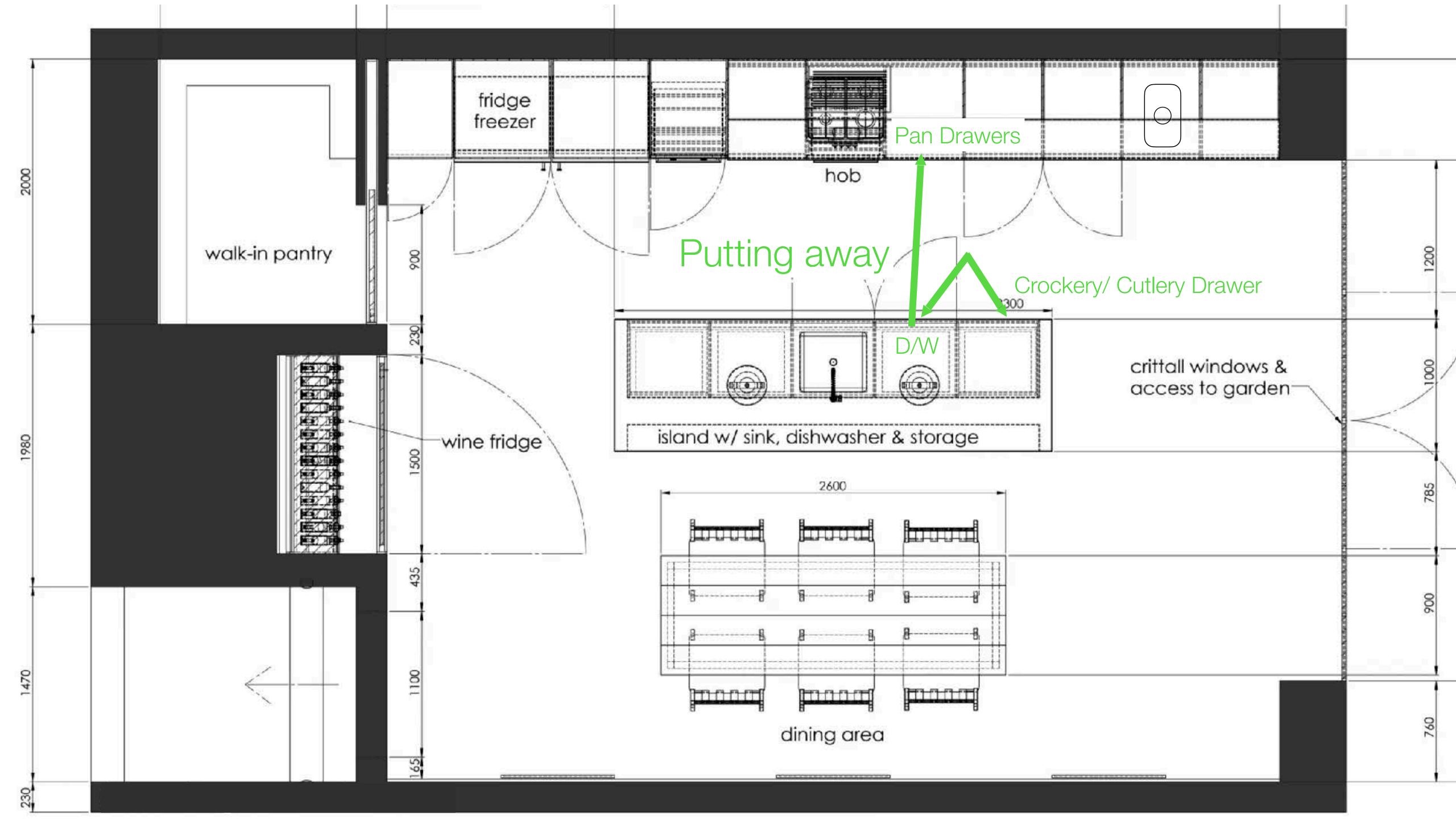


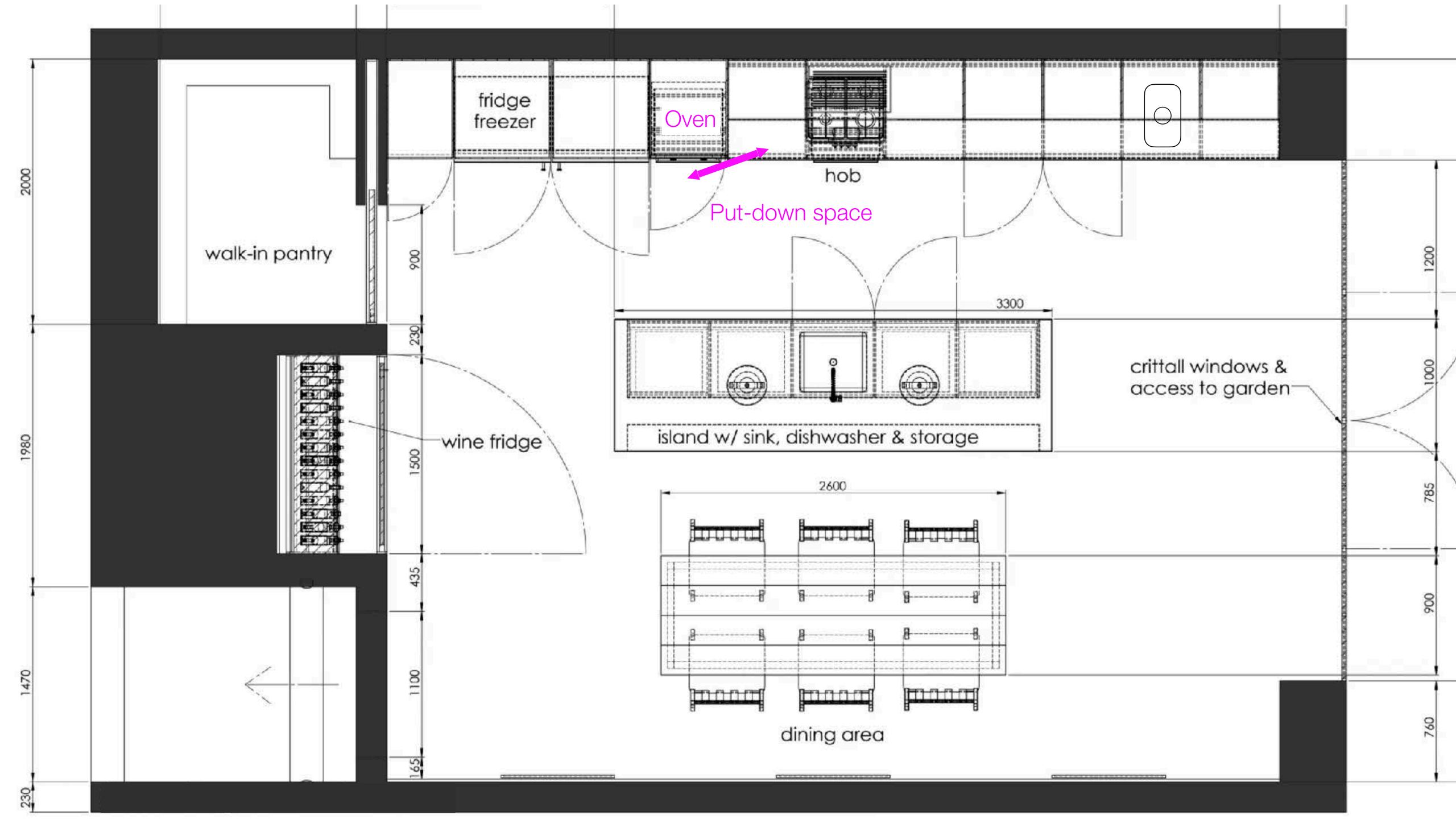
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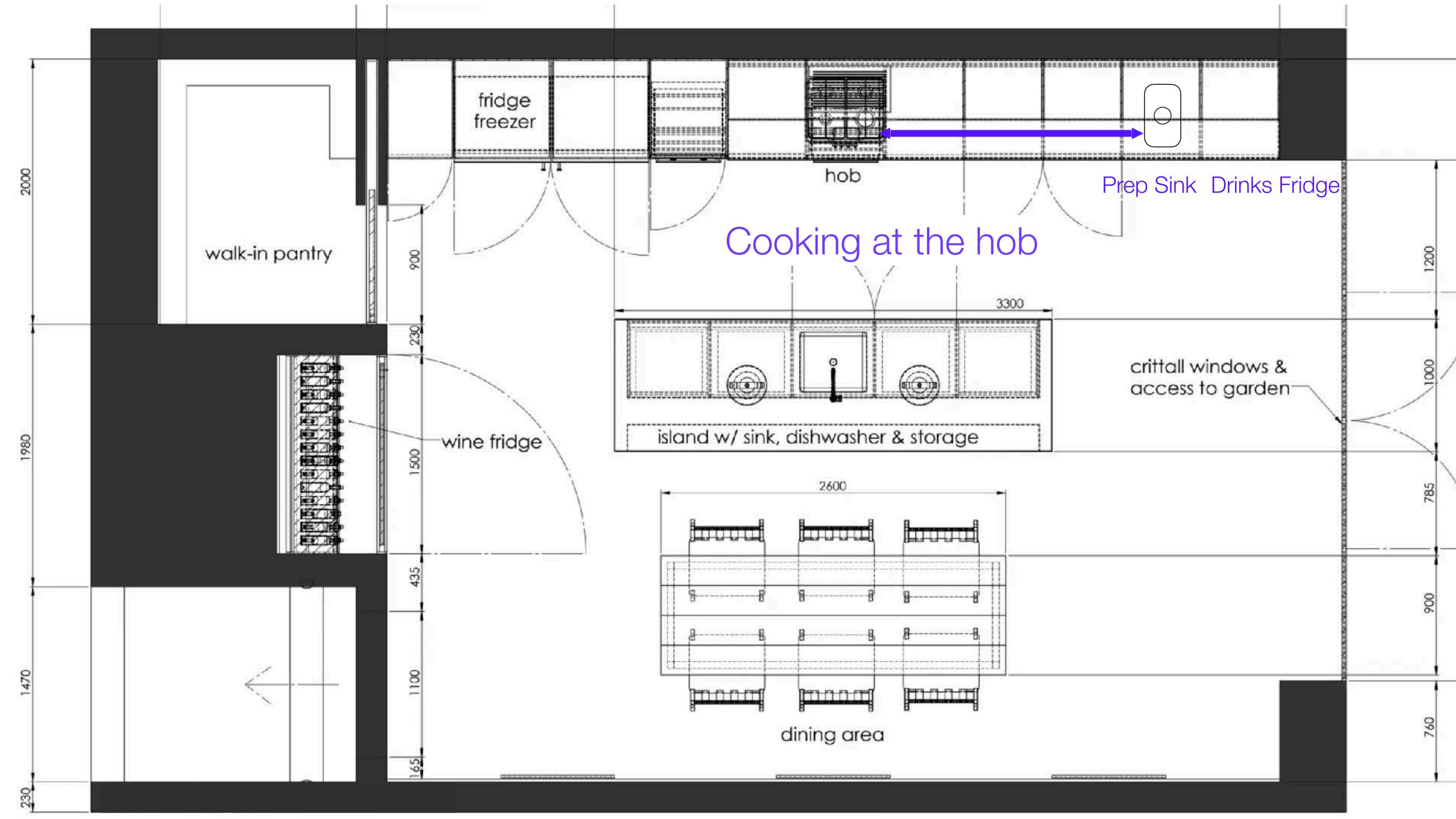
- Design to suit how you live and function in your kitchen today
- Create functional relationships between appliances/ work areas
- Create specific areas of activity/ tasks
- Mitigate against pinch-points













Downdraft Vented Hobs



Dream Islands

The heart of the home











Can I squeeze an island in?

- Allow...
- Minimum of 600mm depth for main surface against wall +
- 1000mm thoroughfare between surface and island edges +
- Minimum 800mm island depth +
- Minimum 1000mm thoroughfare
- Therefore, room width of absolute minimum
 3400mm
- If considering bar stools, add another 500mm







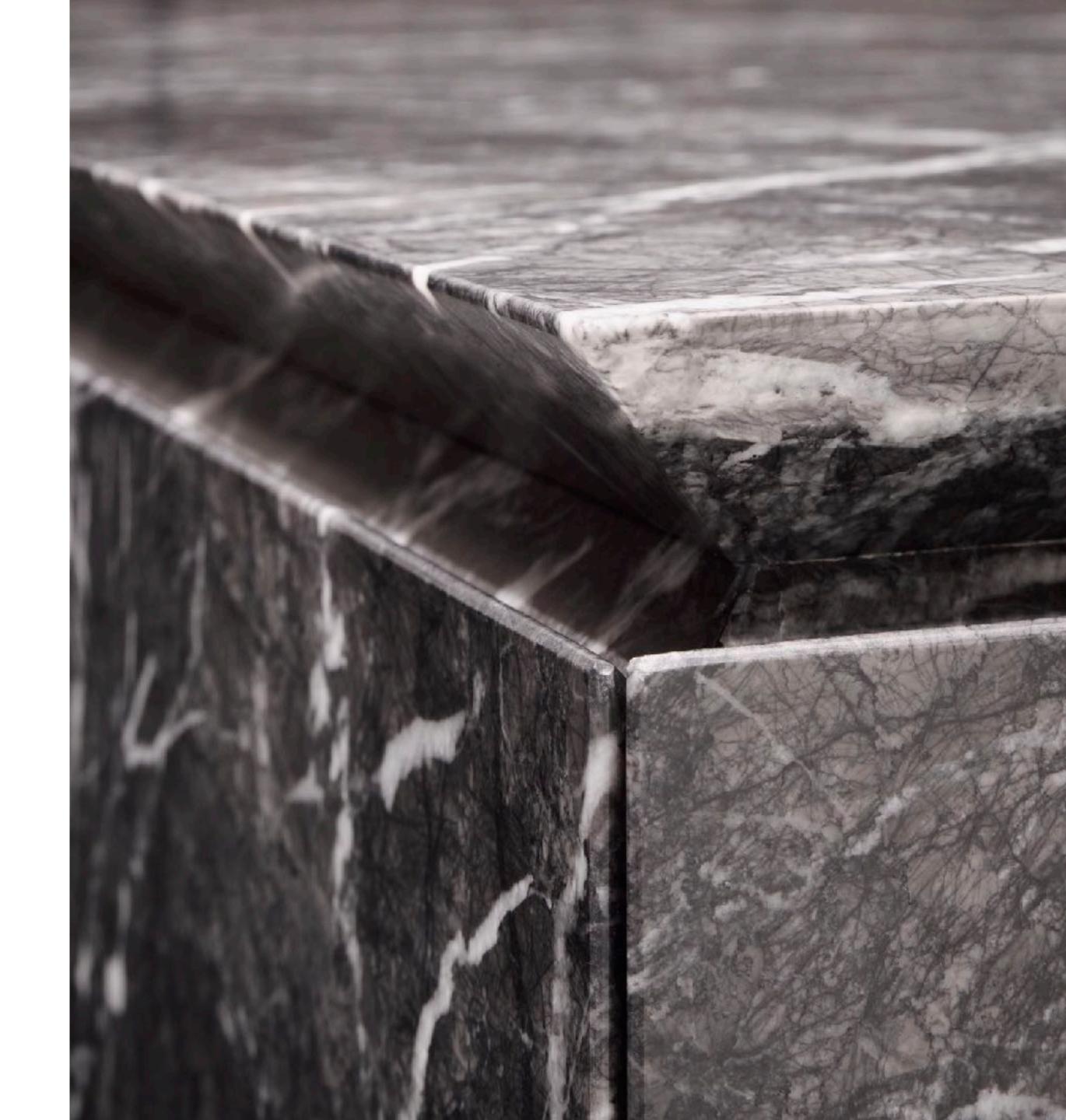






Colour, Texture and Lighting

Bring the design to life











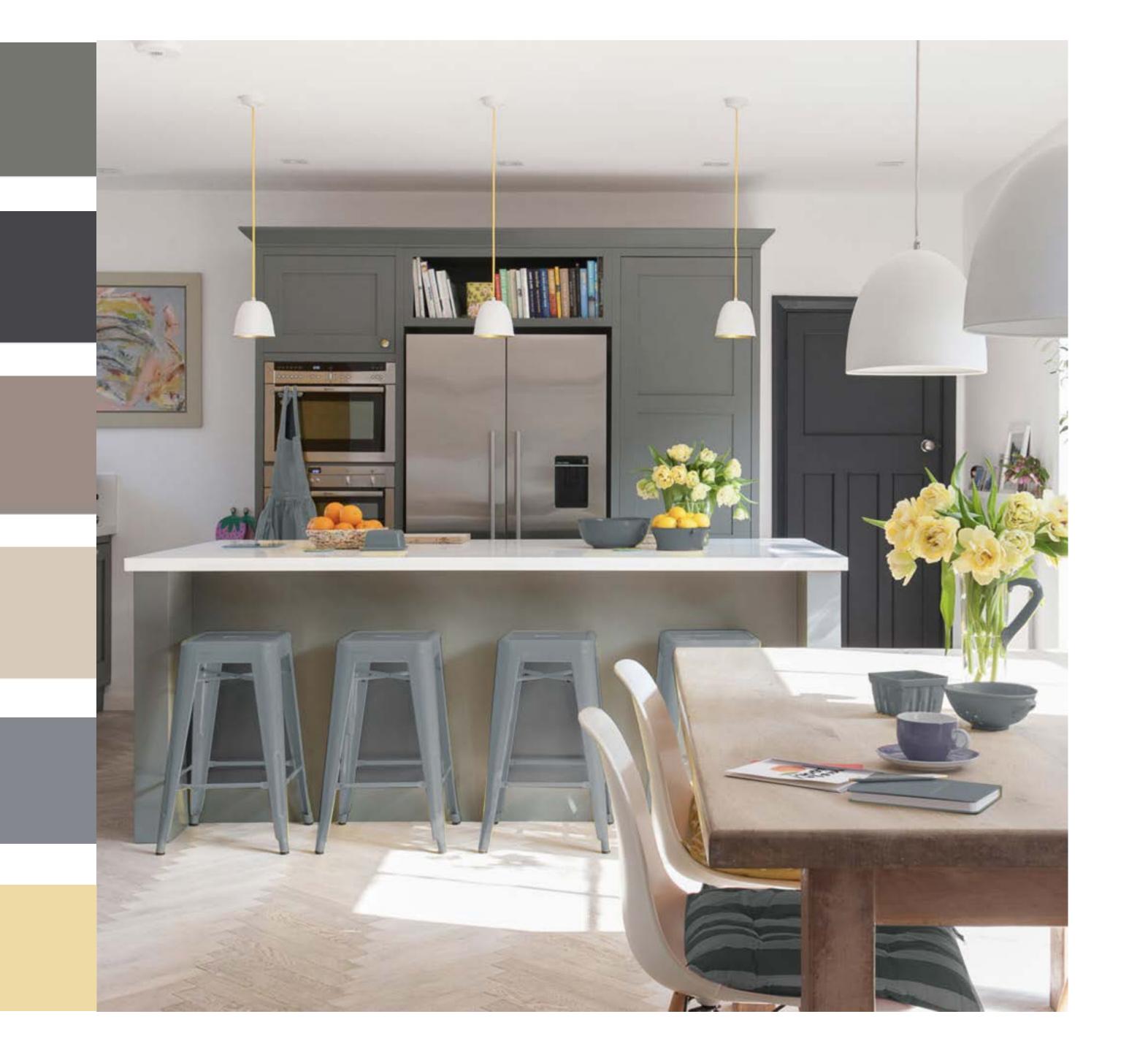
Use Colour to Re-Balance

Advancing and Receding Colours

Colour Zoning

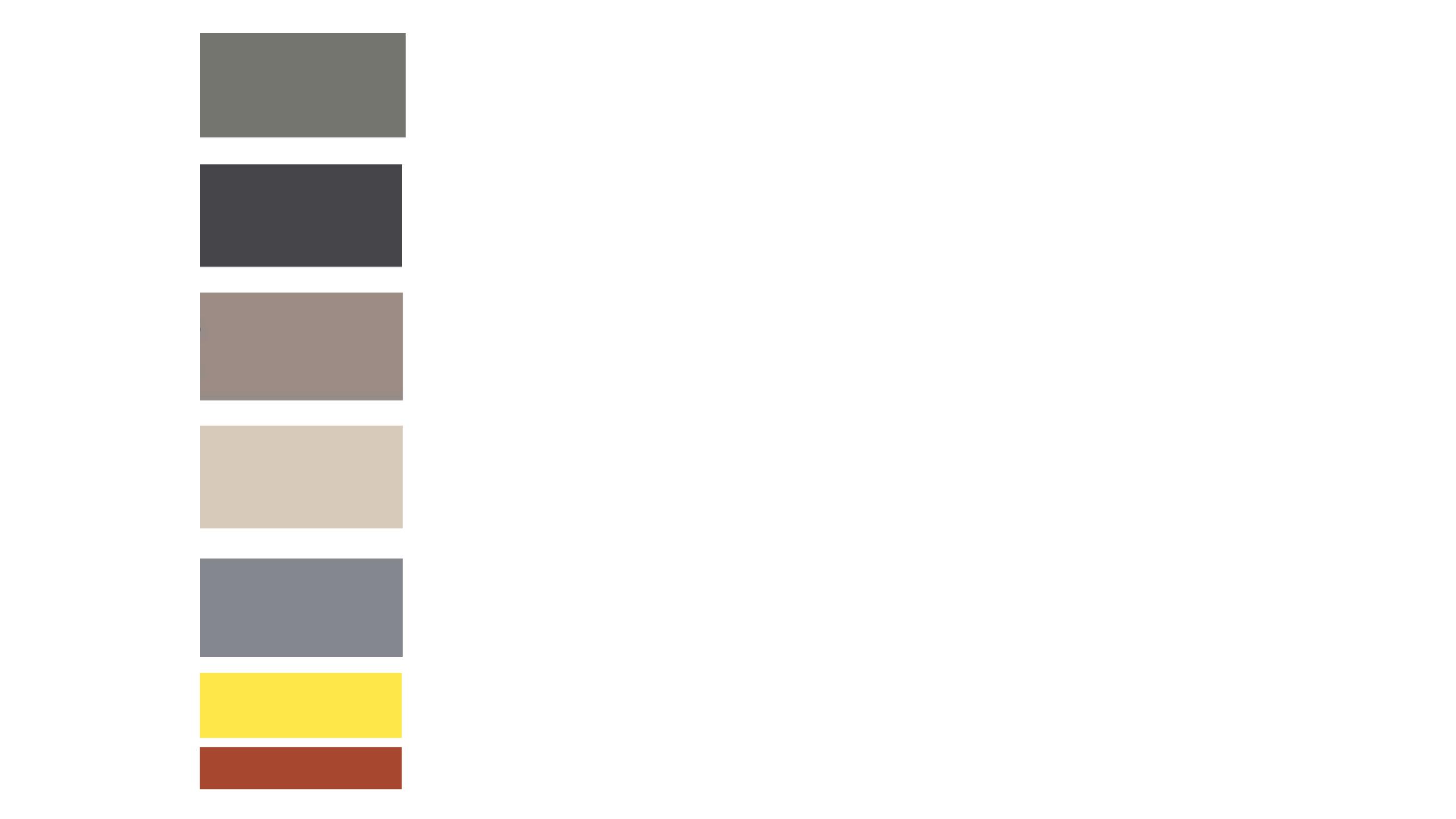
Use colour to draw the eye to items/ areas of interest and to expand the feeling of space







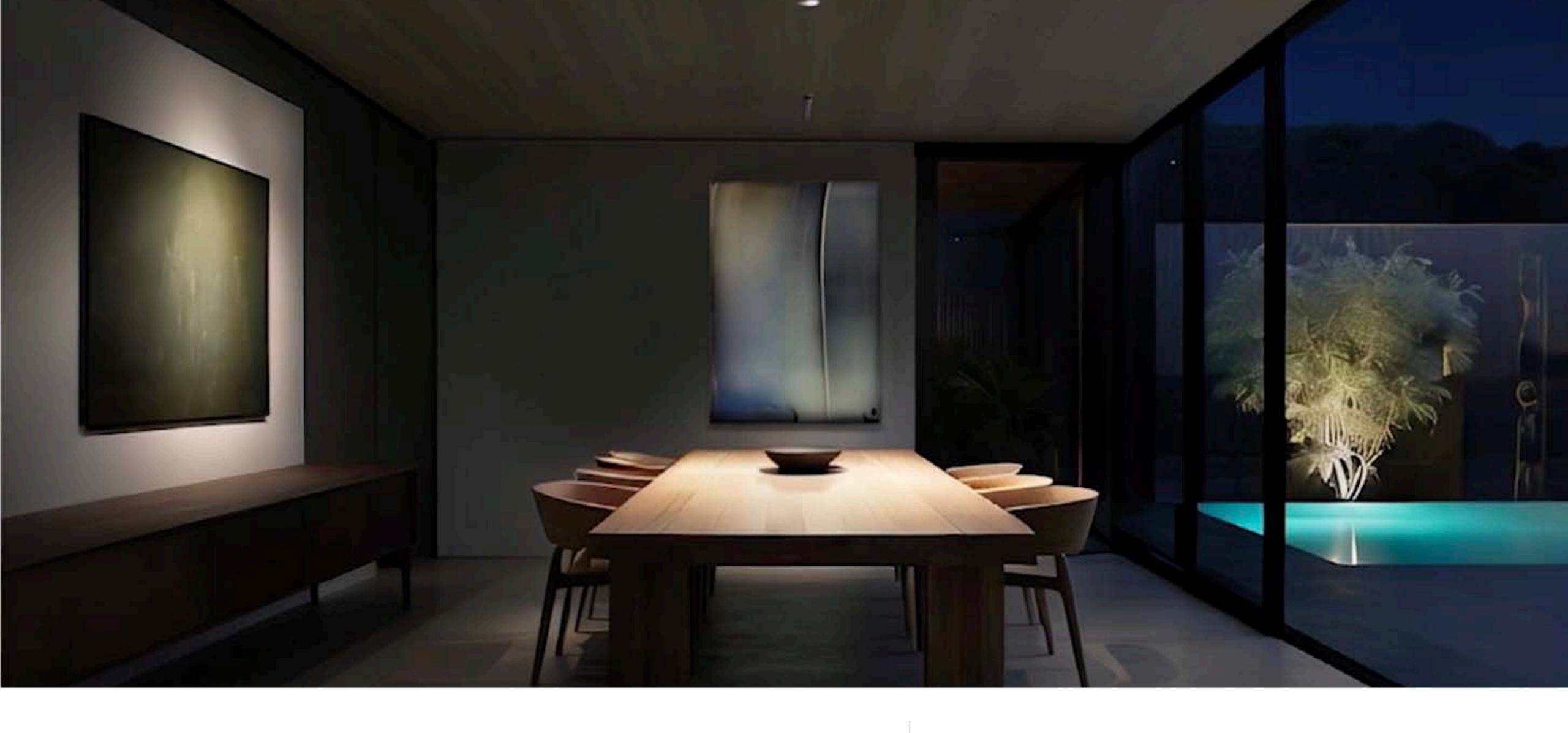








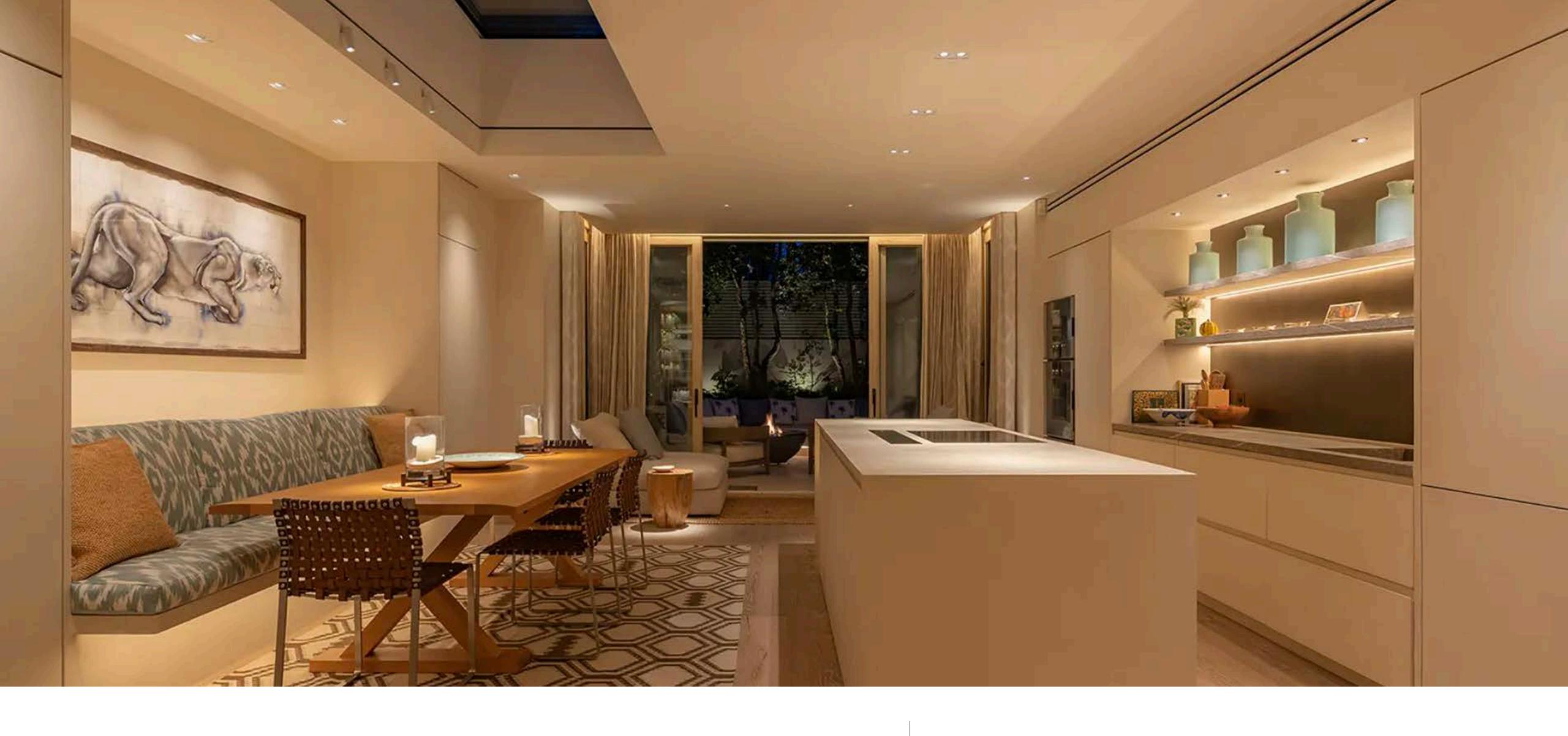




Lighting

The single most important design tool





Create layers of light

Draw the eye through the space



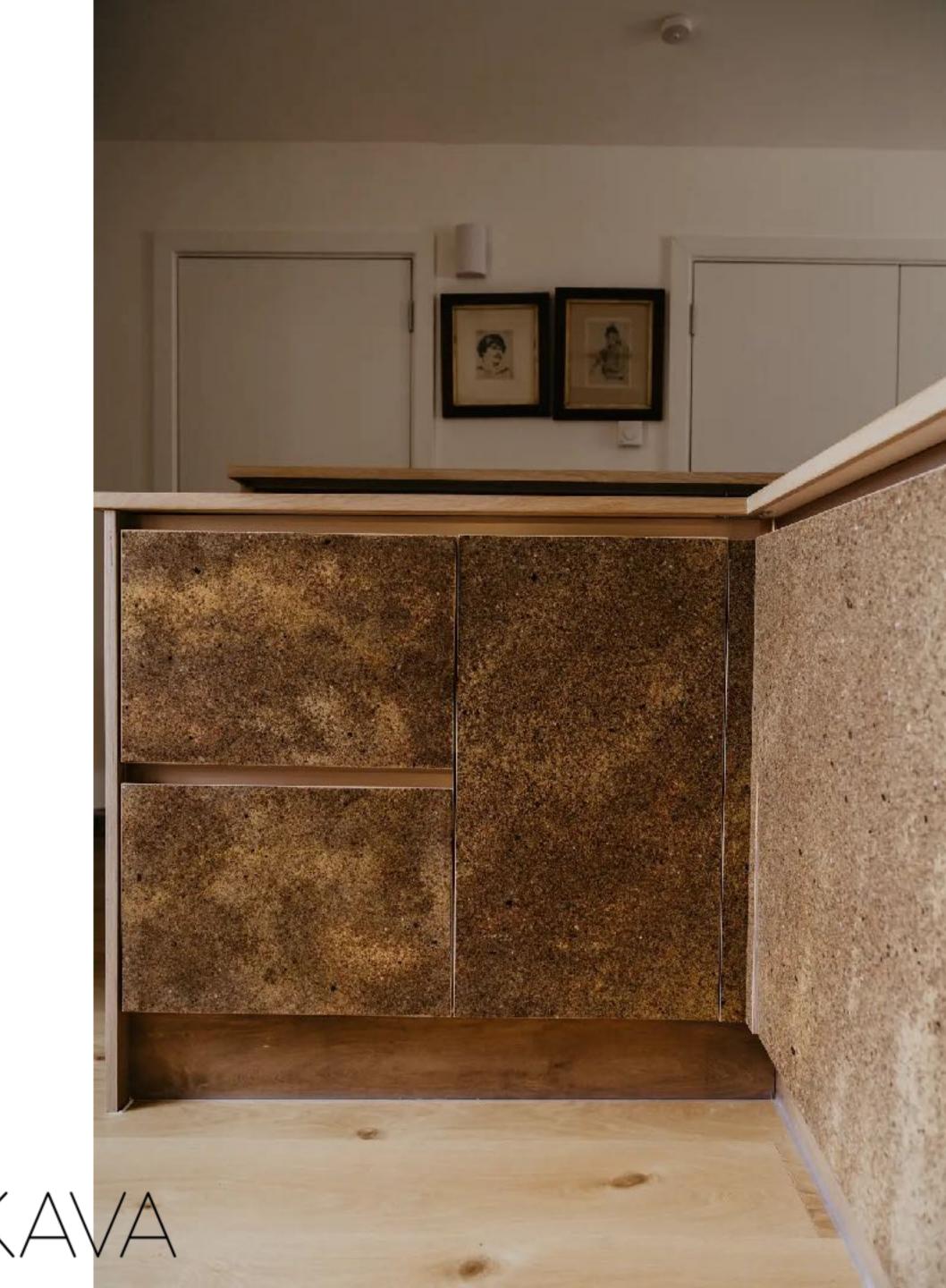
Sustainability

Good choices for the planet and for your health



Sustainability Checklist

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