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KITCHEN EXTENSIONS

It's the project that tops almost every homeowner's wish list and, whether you opt for a swanky glass box or a classic side return, there's no better way to add extra functional space to your abode. But how do you begin? We get inspiration from architects on everything from layout to light, as well as dedicated decorating ideas and more...

This unique take on a side-return extension is the work of Bradley Van Der Straeten architects, which covered the exterior in bespoke blue concrete cladding. For details on this project, plus many more, turn the page... ➤

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The quirky side return

The Judd, Bradley Van Der Straeten Architects

Named The Judd after the innovative and vibrant work of artist Donald Judd, this home in Tottenham, north London, was renovated by Bradley Van Der Straeten Architects (BVDS) for a retired couple who ‘wanted a space that would be both functional and visually stunning’. When the Hackney-based practice inherited the project, the kitchen was dark and poorly connected, so the studio fused it with the rear garden and the sky above. ‘The challenge was bringing light into the heart of the house and improving the flow of space between the main living spaces – the front lounge, dining room and kitchen,’ explains BVDS associate Stephen Roe. To do so, the studio constructed a side extension topped with an arched plywood roof and employed a material palette of earth-coloured brick, ceramic and concrete to enhance the home’s connection to nature. ‘The design is unique, with sculptural tiles adorning the walls and a striking semi-circular roof that sets it apart from other homes in the area,’ Roe says. b-vds.co.uk ►