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ADD FREESTANDING CONSOLES AND BLOCKS

Freestanding country-style units featuring wicker baskets or open shelves can hold surprising volumes of foodstuffs, such as fresh fruit and vegetables, and are great for adding storage capacity to existing fitted cabinets. A console or sideboard can make a useful divider between kitchen and dining areas, while a butcher's block will give extra workspace as well as storage. Choose rustic timber or cream painted furniture for extra country charm. *Westcote wine console, £395, The Cotswold Company.*

CHOOSE SMART CONTAINERS

Every kitchen needs a good selection of decorative storage containers for items such as tea, coffee and sugar and choosing new colours and patterns is the fun part of accessorising a new kitchen or updating an existing one. Enamel and ceramic storage containers are ideal for a country look and come in co-ordinating ranges that cater for everything from bread to biscuits. Look for glass Kilner jars with rubber seals for dried foods, such as pasta and flour.

Enamel storage canisters, from £5, Marks & Spencer.

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USE WALL SPACE

Wall-hung racks and open shelving are not for the messy chef but, kept under control, can create eye-catching design features and ensure contents are readily available. Dried foods, such as flour and pulses, need to be kept in airtight containers, while fleshy fruits and root vegetables benefit from grid-style open shelves, which allow air circulation. Ceiling-hung pot racks are also good for drying herbs and hanging garlic – see the Hahn range of wall and ceiling racks, from Days Gone By, from £31.95. *Lidhults 600mm-wide shelf with glass drawers, £580, Sola Swedish Kitchens.*



NEXT MONTH DECORATIVE DETAILS IN THE KITCHEN