



## FIND A BALANCE

Skilfully combining materials gives a layered feel

**1** Simple floor-to-ceiling tiles and rustic cabinets in this kitchen, by American designer Steven Gambrel, keep the marble worktop from looking too grand. Try the 'Metro White Tile', £19.50 a square metre, from Topps Tiles. [srgambrel.com](http://srgambrel.com) [toppstiles.co.uk](http://toppstiles.co.uk) **2** In this minimalist kitchen, a classic palette of white paint, Carrara marble and oak works in perfect harmony. The Vincent Van Duysen table adds texture and the wall lights are from Skinflint. [vincentvanduysen.com](http://vincentvanduysen.com) [skinflintdesign.com](http://skinflintdesign.com) **3** Introduce colour to a kitchen with a splashback. Here, interior designer Sarah Chambers has laid glass, stipple-painted with silver gilt, over soft pink paint. [sarahchambersinteriors.co.uk](http://sarahchambersinteriors.co.uk) **4** The interior designer Tara Craig chose Fired Earth's distressed 'Paris Isabelle' tiles (£721.23 a square metre) to complement the blue painted British Standard units. [tcraig.co.uk](http://tcraig.co.uk) [firedearth.com](http://firedearth.com) | [britishstandardcupboards.co.uk](http://britishstandardcupboards.co.uk) **5** The shimmering concrete island in this kitchen forms a pleasing contrast with the weathered wooden cabinets, which were made from salvaged shutters.

