



MARCIA MARGOLIUS'S TIPS FOR A HOT AND HAPPENING KITCHEN



Marcia Margolius, editor of the SA Décor and Design Guide, has over two decades of experience in the décor & design industry as a qualified designer, decorator and publisher. She is a member of The South African Institute of the Interior Design Professionals (IID) and since 1994 she has been writing for several décor related publications. We asked her to give you some tips on how to have a hot and happening kitchen:

With many great elements and creatively crafted décor and design features on the market, it is a joyous account to redo, start up or create your own Kitchen. I love playing dress up with my living spaces and I have found the Kitchen to be the heart of my home.

The Kitchen is the hub of your home as well; it is the place where families come together to talk, to eat and to enjoy each-others company. The way your kitchen is decorated and designed, influences the way you live. Don't just think your kitchen is a place to store food; it is a place where you should feel comfortable cooking, and making it a pleasurable event both on your own and with your family and friends. I am here to help you get inspired and give you some practical suggestions for designing the best kitchen to suite your lifestyle. Here are a few of the most important pointers for you to remember.

Designing From Scratch

Your kitchen is not easy to move around often, so when planning it, you have to consider what will work forever, as this also depends on your plumbing locations. Does your kitchen have a view? If so make the most of it by positioning your kitchen to compliment the view. Is the kitchen open plan? If so, then make sure you choose a colour scheme that compliments the overall scheme of both living spaces. Shopping for utensils is not as easy as you think, make sure you buy what you

need and not what you think you need and will never use. From shelving to drawers, make sure you have sufficient space, think about the size of your family and what storage they may need.

Creating The Room

With careful planning and good use of colour and design elements, even the most basic kitchen can be transformed into a stylish room. Kitchen lighting must be versatile and flexible creating the perfect pitch of light to see you're cooking and help you entertain in style. Use lighting in your cupboards for a maximum effect, it is both functional and looks great. Conquer the clutter with creative shelving in your kitchen and in your pantry. Find ways to store your cutlery and crockery by incorporating it into the décor.

Styling Your Kitchen

Whatever the size or style of your kitchen, you need to give thought to its decoration, colour and accessories. The choice is endless and all you need to do is add your imagination and creativity. Create a distinctive atmosphere with colour, fruit bowls, chairs, and kitchen accessories such as egg timers, funky clocks and cutting edge kitchen equipment.

I hope this dose of information helps you when it's time to create your kitchen and remember to always include your personal creativity in the décor and design.