



Bring back the black.

Not to dis the classic white kitchen (we'll happily admit that we're suckers for a subway tile), but it's nice to see some darker shades sneaking their way into kitchen designs, too. Black accents, deployed with care, can add depth to a space. In this Falken Reynolds kitchen (left), the cooktop area is decked out with a Raven Caesarstone countertop and matching backsplash and cabinets to add some negative space and to avoid a wall of white. When Elena Del Bucchia designed a kitchen for a bachelor banker in Calgary (bottom right), she took her cue for the palette from his black suits and created a feature wall that helps elongate a narrow layout. For Gillian Segal of Gillian Segal Design, black window and door frames (and matching Louis-chair-style bar stools, top right) give an airy space some moments of focus in the Vancouver kitchen she designed for clients. But there may be another reason to give the black accent trend a try: "It's really forgiving for less fastidious chefs," laughs Chad Falkenberg of Falken Reynolds.

Top: Ema Peter; Bottom: Lori Andrews; Opposite: Barry Calhoun



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