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Left: Here walnut used for wall cupboards has been used to make a circular cupboard and worktop for the island. The Grande Deco kitchen by Callerton is one of six ranges the company manufactures. This commission features Chelsea doors in walnut combined with painted Mosscroft doors. From £15,000. 0191 514 0003 www.callerton.co.uk

Below: This Rencraft Walnut Island unit with stainless steel plinths contains a sink, kitchen tap plus a filtered water tap. It has curved cupboards topped with a practical integral chopping board and pull handles. It features a solid surface composite stone white worktop with draining board grooves. From £16,000. 01732 762 682 www.rencraft.co.uk



So what exactly is bespoke? It actually means made-to-order, however, in the kitchen market there are different degrees of bespoke. Nicholas Goldman, director, Goldman & Rankin explains, "A made-to-measure kitchen is essentially pre-designed and then fitted to your room, whereas a truly bespoke kitchen is made specifically with you in mind. Every tiny detail will have been created especially for your needs. Any unusual or complex features can be incorporated with ease." Joe Cavani, founder and designer, Edwin Loxley concurs saying, "If you live in a lighthouse and want round furniture with a porthole in every door, with a driftwood finish and the showroom and manufacturer can oblige

then this is a full bespoke manufacturing service in the truest sense of the word, with flexibility in cabinet size and shape as well as door style and finish."

However, some homeowners find starting from scratch rather daunting: should they go for traditional or modern – or (panic) something in between? Opt for hand-painted? In which colour? Or maybe they should choose wood? Help! This is before they even start to think about how they actually live and the appliances they will need... the list is endless. This is where working with an experienced designer will help. They are experts not only at design, but in coaxing out of you what it is you actually need, what you like, and also ●●●



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Classic Painted kitchen with twist of Walnut kitchen from Goldman & Rankin. A Burr walnut veneer detail on the drawer front adds a touch of luxury and warmth. This commission includes a separate utility area, pantry and snug seating area. Tulipwood painted in London Grey, off-white Caesar stone worktop, and solid walnut worktop. £25,000. 020 8969 3632 www.goldmanrankin.com



Hartford bespoke kitchen from Tom Howley sprayed in paint colour Tansy from Tom Howley's own paint range. The worktop is Silestone in the colour Yukon. The island has open shelving ideal for displaying recipe books, and is raised up on legs rather than a plinth, imparting a non-fitted element to the scheme. From £35,000. 0161 848 1200 www.tomhowley.co.uk



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Hand-made Kitchen by Lewis Alderson & Co, painted in Farrow & Ball paint. European oak worksurface, hardwood frames and doors, with solid oak dovetailed drawer boxes. The Wolf range cooker is framed by a false chimney emulating an architectural bracket detail from the house's exterior. Polished River Valley granite worktop. From £30,000. 0845 474 0854 www.lewisalderson.com