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For a trendy kitchen: Kitchen being the centre of activity of a house should be planned as a part of the overall design of house rather than as an isolated room. By this I mean using material, colours and ideas that appear elsewhere in the house. A kitchen needs to be simple and functional to match the uncluttered, contemporary line of the house. Square edged counters and cupboards on interior walls help to retain the modern look. One can reflect the era by use of glass and stainless steel extensively. Tiles can be replaced by back painted glass lines, fixed with stainless steel studs. A central island table with steel legs gives that elegant touch. It is both a large workspace as

well as a gathering area for family. An open view to garden or pool can multiply pleasure of cooking and dining. Timber used throughout the house should also be incorporated in kitchen. The custom-designed cabinets help soften the crisp look of stainless steel. Granite can be replaced by synthetic counter tops or stainless steel finish. Use of wood over ceiling can connect the area from top to bottom. There should be a proper arrangement for dustbin near chopping area. Containers of salt and spices should be close to the hob. There should be proper moving space in cooking area and some open space should be left for placing vegetables and fruits. **Alkesh Gupta**