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# turn up the heat

If kitchens are becoming the new living room — as designers and homeowners say — the following examples will give you a bushel of ideas no matter the style of your home.

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## Industrial Strength

This kitchen is as much about the architecture as the cabinetry and appliances, says designer Tracey Butler of b.home interior design. Butler collaborated on the project with designer Meryl Stern of Meryl Stern Interiors. The Short Hills home is a blend of tradition and minimalism following a massive renovation of the split-level structure. When it came to the kitchen, the homeowner wanted an urban, industrial, loft look to complement the vaulted ceiling and the architecture. The designers placed the emphasis on industrial materials. The island is made out of steel I-beams and supports an army-green honed limestone countertop chosen to suggest the look of concrete. The backsplash is made of the same limestone and extends high up the wall to emphasize the absence of upper cabinets. In place of cabinets, custom metal brackets support restaurant-style open shelving. Simple and minimalist, the lower cabinetry is a lightly stained walnut in a matte finish, while the floor is a flat-finished, dark-stained white oak. All appliances and the two sinks are stainless steel. A painting with orange, deep rose, and green provides a splash of color.

SOURCES: design, b.home interior design in Livingston and Meryl Stern Interiors in Haworth; architecture, Wesketch Architecture in Millington; cabinetry, Prestige Kitchens and Baths in Livingston; countertops, Artistic Tile in Paramus; floor, Hoffman Floors in Randolph; appliances, Sub-Zero refrigerator, Viking range.