

## 14 Ideas to Create an Eat-In Kitchen in Any Space



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Although we're not prone to playing favorites, there's one particular type of kitchen that stops us in our tracks every time: [an eat-in kitchen](#). While markedly more casual than a designated [dining room](#), what an eat-in kitchen lacks in formality it more than makes up for in facilitating moments around the table with friends and family, which might help explain why the timeless [kitchen layout](#) is currently having a moment.

"I think eat-in kitchens are so important for the way we live today, a.k.a. always on the go," LeeAnn Baker of [LeeAnn Baker Interiors LTD](#) tells MyDomaine. "They provide a place for families to spend precious moments together while preparing meals and doing homework and they encourage us to sit for a moment to eat rather than just grabbing-and-going," the interior designer explains. "They also offer a space for guests to gather when we are entertaining since everyone inevitably ends up in the kitchen."

Seeing as the ever-popular kitchen layout isn't going anywhere anytime soon, we've compiled a few of our favorite eat-in kitchen ideas, courtesy of some of our favorite interior designers. Scroll on for 14 inspired dining room alternatives.