



ON THE SURFACE Cosentino's Silestone in Cemento Spa (one of 90-plus colours in the range) is at once state-of-the-art and industrial, in your choice of a polished or suede finish that echoes the tones and imperfections of concrete. Here, it's offset by white walls and mid-tone greige cabinetry with Shaker-look recessed panels.

The best of both

Country charm meets minimalism in this soothing space that mixes traditional style with 'now' details.

Proving a penchant for a classic aesthetic doesn't preclude a contemporary interpretation, this kitchen by Nordiska Kök (@nordiskakok) near Gothenburg, Sweden combines Shaker style with a Scandinavian sensibility. The former a heritage American look characterised by austere, uncluttered simplicity, and the latter beloved by modern minimalists for its equally understated effect and gentle textures, the two styles share several signatures, including natural and neutral material and colour palettes, and a focus on function.

Here, a supporting cast of utilitarian yet characterful details — like the tongue-and-groove walls, extended timber peg rail and sculptural utensils — is anchored by a bold-hued Silestone benchtop by Cosentino, the functionality of which also reigns supreme. Made from more than 90% quartz, this stellar surface is resistant to stains and scratches, and ultra-easy to maintain. Add lighting and other accents in similar shades for a cohesive kitchen that's both now and then. [cosentino.com](https://www.cosentino.com)