BURBIDGE & SON

EST. 1867

KITCHEN MAKERS™



BORN FROM CRICKET STUMPS AND CROQUET MALLETS

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In 1867 Henry Burbidge founded his woodworking company with a capital of ten shillings at the age of 40. Our family business has flourished over the years, surviving countless economic recessions, a technological revolution and two world wars – even the destruction of the factory during the Coventry Blitz was seen as just an interruption to proceedings.

Originally work involved making wooden sports equipment such as cricket stumps and croquet mallets. However, across the decades, Burbidge continually reinvented itself making a diverse range of products from timber, such as drumsticks, guitar bodies and recorders for the musical instrument market in the 1950s along with stiletto heels and wooden components for Ten Pin Bowling alleys.

As the Midlands car industry boomed in the '60s, our location enabled us to secure a contract manufacturing wooden parts for the Morris Traveller and even plywood components for Black & Decker Workmates.

In the early '70s, we introduced our first kitchen range, maximising our rich woodworking legacy and talent for design to offer a superior, solid oak option in a marketplace flooded with low budget designs.

Family has always been at the core of the Burbidge business and we are proud that this solid family framework has been a major attribute to our sustained success throughout the years.

Today with the fifth generation now at the helm, Burbidge & Son is widely recognised as one of the leading UK kitchen makers in the industry, thanks to this strong heritage.

A lovely yarn, but why does this matter to me you ask?

Above all because it demonstrates that you are in reassuringly experienced hands ...

You are also buying a piece of furniture that has been carefully made in our workshops in the heart of the country, crafted by long-serving and highly skilled UK-based specialists. Bespoke is in our blood; as embodied by our early order book's breadth of specialist requirements. And our commitment to investing in the very best production equipment enables us to offer a vast collection of shapes, sizes and finishes - giving you greater scope for flexibility and creativity.

Our legacy means we have an intimate knowledge of production methods, whether incorporating intricate beading onto a shaker ash door or handspraying your kitchen with a bespoke colour palette that masterly reveals the beauty of our high-quality timber.

Yes, our knowledge of timber is unrivalled as a result of having worked with the material for so many decades, but our focus is also on the development of new designs and new materials for the future, sourcing interesting woods from around the world to introduce into our collections.

But don't just take our word for the fact that a kitchen from Burbidge & Son is an exceptionally well-crafted one.

By choosing Burbidge, you can rest assured that you are investing in the highest standard of product by a British manufacturer. Testament to the quality, craftsmanship and intricate detailing that we have become trusted for over decades, we are proud to be holders of the prestigious Manufacturing Guild Mark, awarded by the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers – a mark of excellence in British furniture making.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW
KITCHEN MAKERS
COLLECTION

Our Kitchen Makers collection is another new chapter in the Burbidge history book.

Alderley, Haddon and Somerton: three timeless timber designs boasting sizing, colour and accessory options to provide absolute freedom of personalisation. Like siblings, each have their own distinct characteristics, yet are united by beautifully hand-crafted credentials borne out of the same, fine Burbidge ancestry.

We're makers, not assemblers, our kitchens are not off-the-shelf and are unique to their owners. We produce all the cabinetry in our workshops, putting us in complete control of quality and consistency, whilst enabling us to create a kitchen that perfectly fits your home.

WHEN THE WOOD IS THIS GOOD, TAKE A LESS IS MORE APPROACH TO KITCHEN DESIGN

Haddon

The timber used to craft our kitchens is carefully sourced with strength, sustainability and superior finish in mind. Let the fine shaker lines of the Haddon do the talking to ensure that the beauty of this premium wood shines through, delivering a timeless kitchen that is perfectly at home, no matter how traditional or contemporary the setting.

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Inspired Design

With a track record of being trusted to match the unique set of requirements that each home, customer and kitchen brings, we understand the importance of offering a wealth of made to measure features and bespoke elements, from personalised colour options to exclusive cabinet sizes.

A further beauty of our heritage is that we can cleverly revisit a design feature, colour or finish from our past and specify it in response to a look of the moment or solution to a contemporary lifestyle challenge.

Here we've stripped the Haddon right back, putting an oversized prep table in the pivotal role and replacing wall units with on-trend super length shelving set against tongue and groove panelling. Extensively hand-sprayed in the dramatic tone of *Charcoal* from our stunning palette of 16 finishes and the result is a scheme that takes centre stage in more ways than one.







"The timeless lines of the Haddon let you effortlessly build a scheme that is perfectly stamped with your personality."





The simple shelf is growing in popularity, since its modest design credentials can open up such a multitude of display and feature opportunities. Use shelving to inject and extend colour, create a vintage theme or embrace the comeback of indoor plants by dressing with succulents and trailers.

When we say that our colour palette is curated, it is exactly that; we take a holistic approach which considers how a colour works in a space, whether injecting light or adding drama, blending with brassware or contrasting with natural woods. See how a *Thyme* painted finish in the adjoining utility area is the perfect partner for the burnished bronze handles.











Just as the choice of lining can make or break the overall look of a bespoke suit, we believe that cabinetry interiors are just as important when it comes to ensuring a distinctly premium look and feel throughout your kitchen.

This is where our Burbidge ethos and history sets us apart yet again.

It is what gives us the exceptional ability to revive, reinvent and modernise classic designs. It is what helps us craft new classics; creating great-looking kitchens that are built to last, because they are strong and flexibly designed to stand up to the rigours and rolls of modern life.

Designed for living

- 1. What's not to love about these beautiful internal drawers. The natural oak and attractive dovetail jointing to start with that's why we've proudly added our branded stamp.
- 2. Solid oak vegetable drawer-crates are a storage piece of beauty exactly what you'd expect from a Kitchen Makers' kitchen.
- 3. Open your mind to shelving; it's back and it wants to see what your display creativity is made of.
- 4. Make every inch count with a concealed larder set over deep drawer units. Opt for a fully coordinated painted finish, across the tongue and groove panelling right through to the door hung spice racks, and this daily storage is elevated to a feature piece.



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BURBIDGE IS VERY PROUD TO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE MANUFACTURING GUILD MARK BY THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FURNITURE MAKERS

The kitchen symbolises the distinct soul of your home and with multi-functional requirements making it a harder working space than ever before, you need to know you are in safe hands.

A Kitchen Makers kitchen by Burbidge & Son is an exceptionally well-crafted one and you don't just have to take our word for it.

By choosing Burbidge, you can rest assured that you are investing in the highest standard of product by a British manufacturer. Testament to the quality, craftsmanship and intricate detailing that goes into our kitchens, we are proud to be holders of the prestigious Manufacturing Guild Mark, awarded by the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers – a mark of excellence in British furniture making.

You can also be certain that each kitchen that leaves our workshop is made precisely for the very room it will ultimately occupy.









MADE FOR YOU

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Whether shopping for that holiday of a lifetime, new car or kitchen, we know that our customers approach their search in the same way; you are looking for premium quality and a discerning superiority, making choices that are built on the common desire to find a solution that is built around your individual needs and tastes.

So welcome, you have turned the right page, let's start on this exciting and inspirational journey together. Think of us as your tailor-made travel operator creating a bespoke itinerary or indeed, your Savile Row tailor, creating an exquisite piece that is immaculately fitted to you.

That the kitchen is the heart of the home is an oft-quoted phrase, but in our knowledgeable opinion this has never been more true; modern lifestyles mean traditional dining and sitting rooms have fallen out of daily fashion, paving the way for cooking-dining-living zones for both work and play.

These multi-functional spaces symbolise the distinct soul of a home and come with a unique set of requirements, so it is vital that they are married with an unrivalled level of discerning and tailored design.

Because just as every kitchen is used differently, every kitchen is built differently.

Thanks to a long history of crafting kitchens, experience has taught us that this is the case whether working under ageing country beams or flowing into apartment balconies. Corners will be tricky, nooks will be wonky and crannies inevitably hard to reach.

This is why we approach each project with the inherent understanding that every kitchen that leaves our workshop is made precisely for the very room it will ultimately occupy. And why we are consistently relied upon to create truly successful kitchen spaces in homes that are new and old, large and small.

In practice, this means that we are able to offer a wealth of made to measure features and bespoke elements, from personalised colour options to exclusive door sizes.

Our passionate understanding of what makes a great kitchen and ability to truly shape it around the individual, puts you in safe hands.

A QUINTESSENTIAL ENGLISH SHAKER-STYLE KITCHEN THAT STANDS THE TEST OF TIME

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Alderley

An imaginative blend of classic elegance and contemporary flair;
Alderley holds its own against today's interior trends and lifestyle needs.
The design draws on the Burbidge wood-crafting heritage, having been expertly produced in an authentic in-frame style and is available in a choice of 16 carefully selected paint finishes, ranging from subtle to bold.
Alderley provides a pleasing sense of balance of authentic detailing, such as decorative beading and plinths through to spice drawers and trays sets with a robust and premium quality.

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Inspired Design

On-trend colours and textures, streamlined appliances, smart lighting and hidden storage. There's a whole host of ingredients that can be combined to create a premium kitchen. But whilst fashion and clever features play their part, we believe that the starting point is an experienced design eye. Put simply, we just get it; we fundamentally know what works and can help you unlock exactly what you need from your kitchen space because we recognise that the concept of a dream kitchen is unique to the individual.

Tackling such individuality is a job for experts.

We've seen and solved it all, drawing on a rich woodworking heritage to craft bespoke solutions across a range of kitchen settings, challenging dimensions and property types.







"Timeless yet fresh, statementmaking whilst still considered, gentle but solid; an Alderley kitchen is designed for today and built to last for tomorrow."





See how we've set Bone, a calm neutral from our palette of painted finishes against cool tiling and worktops, to create layers of light to enhance a busy working island area. Neat cup and knob handle choices complete the clean and fresh feel.





All manner of life now takes place in the kitchen. And that life has its own distinct routine and rhythm, mess and muddle that is unique to its inhabitants.

Worktops are as likely to be crowded with a family of laptops and tablets as they are to be home to juicers, blenders and bread-makers. Throw in the challenge and desire to maintain a well-ordered kitchen environment and it is easy to appreciate that one size certainly doesn't fit all.

Whether you need space to store or space to showcase, we can help you create made to measure features that work around your daily rituals, hoarding habits and extensive crockery collections.









Designed for living

- 1. Draw a deep line under your clutter with well-designed storage features that are as hand-crafted on the inside as the Alderley is elegant on the exterior. Deep, solid timber drawers keep crockery out of sight but comfortably in reach.
- 2. Simple features, happily to hand that's the Burbidge ethos. A graceful towel rail is a shining example.
- 3. Show the hardest working drawer in your kitchen some love. Natural oak, multiple dividers, attractive dovetail jointing ... we're so proud of this marriage of practicality and authenticity that we've even added our branded stamp.

- 4. Clever and classic; why not include a set of natural oak in-frame trays to your scheme.
- 5. Storage is as much about showcasing as it is streamlining away. What's not to desire about this beautifully proportioned drinks dresser which injects personality and capacity into your kitchen space.
- 6. Get your storage right and you'll enjoy a sense of order that will make your kitchen work like a dream. Opt for attractive oak spice drawers and you'll enjoy a decorative period feature too.

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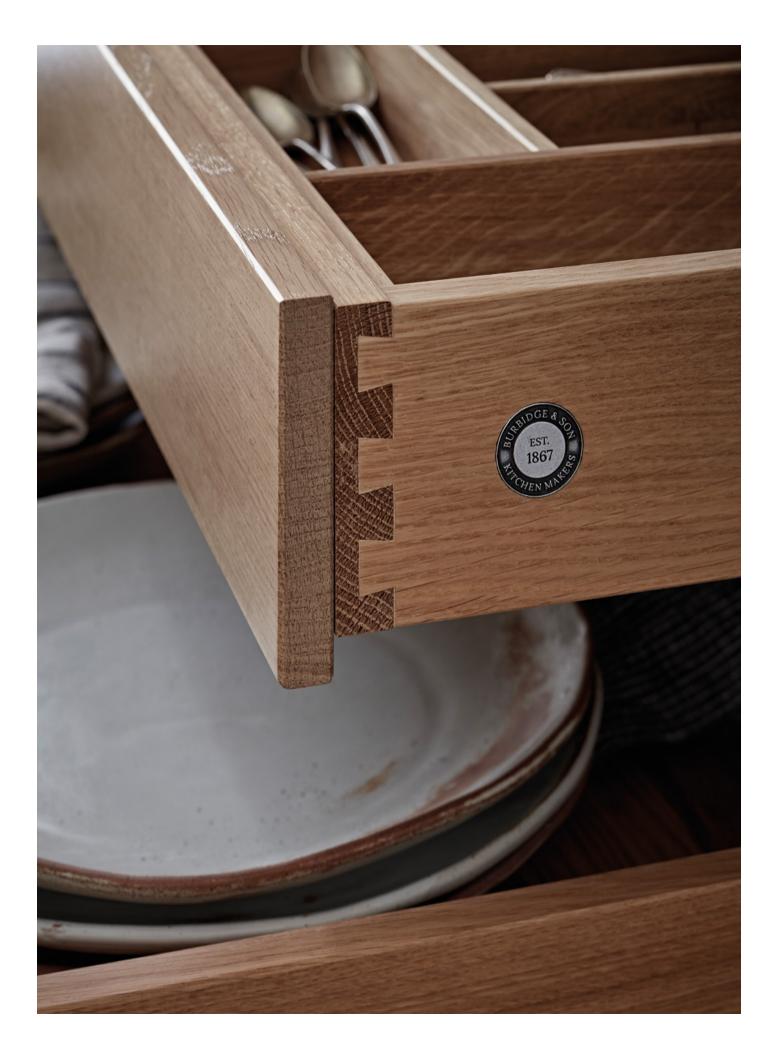
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CONSIDER YOUR COLOUR CHOICES

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Colour is a key component of your kitchen scheme, from timeless neutrals and warming tonal layers, through to sharp accents, our palette offers a wealth of on-trend possibilities for your delectation. The Alderley can be personalised with our stunning palette of 16 paint finishes. Your kitchen is hand-sprayed in your chosen shade in our UK factory, further enhancing the period elegance so evident in the high cornices, pilasters and classic glazed cabinets. The temptation with kitchen colour is to play it safe, but we're here to tell you to loosen up a bit. All you need is a little inspiration.



AN EYE AND A HERITAGE FOR DETAIL

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We'll talk a lot about our woodworking legacy and lineage. Not because we're nostalgists but because those early projects have shaped every element of our approach today.

As a highly experienced manufacturer, we know how to expertly blend the high-tech with the hand-crafted. We are committed to extensive product research and development, investing in new technology to seek out the latest materials, whilst drawing upon our multi-generational timber competence to create durable designs that embody authenticity.

That we are holders of the prestigious

Manufacturing Guild Mark – the mark of excellence
for furniture manufacturers – demonstrates the
high level of competence that goes into producing
our kitchens. You can rest assured that specialists
are at work and that a Burbidge Kitchen Makers
design represents the very best in luxury kitchens.

Our roots are firmly British, and our production facilities remain in the heart of the country, but our mindset today takes a distinctly Germanic approach to engineering product. The Burbidge approach relentlessly focuses on those smallest of details to create an exceptional finished piece. Our roots are firmly British and our production facilities remain in the heart of the country. A Burbidge Kitchen Makers design represents the very best in luxury kitchens.

We can turn to technology when we need to for precision shaping and moulding, but we know when only the hand of a true craftsman can deliver the finish that is required. It's like the luxury sports car that boasts the epitome of hybrid innovation, but step inside to find a leather interior that has been handcrafted by a master saddle maker. It's that same appreciation of performance inside and outside.

We also believe that quality design needn't stop once out of sight, which is why we incorporate dovetail joints on our timber drawer boxes along with masterly strong mortice and tenon joints onto doors. Traditional methods, meticulous techniques, authentic man hours ... these are the principles that earned our prestigious Manufacturing Guild Mark and those that ensure your kitchen is crafted to exacting standards.









DOVETAILING DURABILITY AND DESIGN

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With decades of timber buying expertise behind us, you can be sure that the materials we use to build your kitchen are of a strong provenance and an associated strength of quality. Crafting your cabinetry with such superior materials ensures a beauty of finish that shines through across the timeless designs of the Kitchen Makers collection.

This is about choosing the right materials that will look and perform in the right ways across your doors, cabinets and frames: dovetailing durability with design. Whilst there's a comfortable, historic charm about the natural warmth and beauty of wood owing to its unique graining and rustic details, it is a timeless material that can be cleverly positioned in the most contemporary of settings.

It can easily set off a wide selection of accompanying worktop, handle, flooring and tiling materials, whilst providing a natural way of incorporating texture thanks to its delicate imperfections.

It can embrace classic curves and carvings to create decorative period features and is hard to beat when it comes to a blank canvas for coordinating painted colour.

But remember that not all wood is good; not all wood performs the same and sadly not all wood is specified with due care and respect for the environment.

Your Kitchen Makers furniture carries with it a 10-year guarantee

At Burbidge, we carefully specify our timbers with sustainability in mind, as well as a discerning eye on exactly where and how they will be used within the kitchen space. As our forefathers so passionately taught us, it's vital that form, function and material exist in harmony.

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For the cabinets, prime cut European oak veneer is applied to a plywood substrate and sealed with a water based matt lacquer for a lustrous and durable surface finish. Cabinetry can be enhanced further when painted in coordinating – or contrasting – paint colours elevating daily storage into feature pieces that deliver on both function and display terms.

The cabinet doors in our Kitchen Makers kitchen ranges are crafted from 23mm thick European Ash framing that is mortice and tenon jointed for the strongest possible construction. An MDF painted centre panel provides stability to this painted product and a smoother overall appearance. The door is precisely set within an ash outer frame. You may not know much about ash, but as timber crafting experts, trust us when we say that it absolutely is the perfect timber for a painted kitchen. The beauty of the grain in this European

hardwood takes paint in a uniquely consistent way enhancing the individuality of every piece of furniture.

Good looks are one thing, but what about the performance. Again, trust us that the density of this hardwood is tough enough to resist all that this hard-working multifunctional room faces on a daily basis, without marking and bruising in the way more commonly used tulipwood can.

And talking of hard-working, the materials we use in your kitchen's drawers are just as well specified, being constructed from solid European Oak, dovetail jointed for beauty and strength. A sleeker, more contemporary option is the precision steel Blum Legrabox drawer.

To give you extra reassurance that you're making the right decision and putting your trust in expert hands, your Burbidge Kitchen Makers furniture carries with it a comprehensive 10-year guarantee.

In the unlikely event that a defect arises through proven material failure, then Burbidge guarantees to make good or replace the particular pieces affected.



Our cabinets are constructed rigid from oak veneered plywood – the favoured material of boat builders and cabinet makers alike. Thin layers of sustainably grown solid poplar wood are laminated together to produce the most durable, water resistant structural material available.

COLOURS

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We've been curating tints and hues long before curating became an interiors buzzword, because we know that colour is the one area where you can really make your mark and stamp your personality.





We also know that colour is clever, which is why our palette of 16 painted colours is just as strong on the light-introducing neutrals, as it is with braver, bolder mood-making shades.

Trust our judgement and be inspired from our expert choices. Take our lead when it comes to using colour to create focal features across freestanding dressers, spacious islands and oversized prep tables. See how the palette can readily enhance architectural features such as shelving, tongue and groove panelling and open storage units. Enjoy blending the colours across the transition from kitchen to utility and boot room, through to living and play areas.

Wherever and however you decide to use colour, your kitchen is expertly hand-sprayed by our skilled technicians in the Burbidge UK workshop using paints that guarantee colour-fastness whilst having a low environmental impact. This quality commitment achieves perfect results, highlighting the subtle beauty of your kitchen's wood grain beneath your colour.

We believe that great design needn't stop once out of sight - which is why our Kitchen Makers ranges are available with colour-matched interiors and coordinating storage finishes. These are the finer details that set your scheme apart from just another 'fast fashion' painted option.

16 shades are available for you to choose the perfect colour combination, but if you can't find your perfect match, then opt for the ultimate in personalisation – our bespoke painted service means we can accurately match your painted kitchen to a colour swatch from any manufacturer. This lets you be as brave or subtle as you need or want to be.

LOOK NO FURTHER THAN THE SOMERTON FOR A SHAKER SET-UP THAT PROMISES SOPHISTICATION

Somerton

Thanks to door styling with quarter round beading, concealed hinges and a delicate classicality, this scheme is elegant and considered yet can be soon super-sized into a more stylised look, whether across a vintage basement, apartment galley or neo-barn setting.

In many ways, it is the grown-up of the trio; thoughtfully designed and detailed to create a beautiful, high-performance finish that is built to admire for many, many years to come.

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Inspired Design

True tailored design is built around your kitchen's unique DNA. We know that this combines how the space will be used, by whom and when. But it is also about appreciating that just as every kitchen is used differently, every kitchen is built differently.

This is where the Burbidge experience comes to the fore yet again. We know how to overcome - or work with - obstacles and awkward places in properties old and new. We are trusted to make spaces workable and above all craft something that fully matches your vision and meets your specific needs.

With a Kitchen Makers scheme, we are able to produce a wealth of made to measure features and bespoke elements, from personalised colour options to exclusive door sizes. So, there's no untidy angles, no idle gaps and above all, no compromises.



"We look, listen and craft so that the Somerton is built around you."









Our roots are borne out of timber crafting, but today's new shoots thrive on our ability to create mood, enhance atmosphere or deepen design solutions.

This may be through the use of supporting materials – like these delicate brushed brass handles that bring a bright balance to the dark and sultry *Baltic Green* painted finish.

Such a coherent approach to the bold choice of shade, instantly individualises the space. The dramatic tones stunningly showcase timber detailing such as tongue and groove panelling on the neat breakfast bar, as well as Somerton's sweeping cornices and upstands.









We don't do 'over design', but we're proud to leverage our design credentials and crafting legacy when we need to – or just want to. Here we've added a few little twists which upgrade a simple pantry style larder into a luxurious piece that more than sorts your storage needs and truly satisfies a taste for something finer.

Three deep drawers help you tackle pans and casseroles. Open shelving with tongue and groove detailing match-painted in the same rich *Baltic Green* lets you free up worksurface space or take pleasure in creative display across such a premium piece of storage.

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Designed for living

- 1. Further enhance your open shelving with painted colour. A gentle tonal notch up against the base Fjord Green elevates daily storage into a feature piece delivering on both function and display terms.
- 2. Surely the best design is that which is just really useful. Step up our pull-out pot and pan rack set against an oak veneered cabinet, it injects timber warmth and an excellent storage solution to a tricky corner.
- 3. Wine rack ... drinks cabinet ... display case ... why not combine all three, or more, with this clever multi-functional dresser.
- 4. Today's kitchens must work harder than ever. Rely on our expert approach to blending traditional styling with contemporary needs – this neat and discreet waste sorter is a perfect example.
- 5. A place for everything needn't mean a compromise on aesthetic appeal. Creating a contrast to the painted finish, the Natural Oak storage tower streamlines interior space and further helps the beautiful exterior shine.
- 6. Curve appeal; adding curved doors to islands and end units is a popular way of softening overall lines, whilst adding decorative interest.







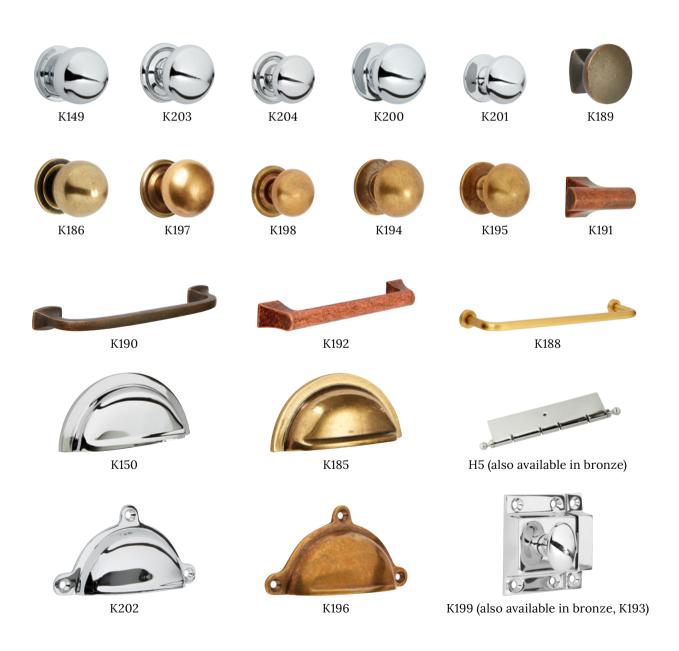
INVEST IN THE PERFECT BALANCE OF STYLE AND SUBSTANCE

Even with such delicate features, the Somerton delivers a very strong, confident look for your kitchen. And when the design is fused with intense colour as we see here, it offers a self-assured choice that sits timelessly across spaces large or small, working comfortably with adjoining living and working areas, especially when blended with similarly poised colours such as the *Fjord Green* of the boot room.

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Our kitchen-making legacy means we have an intimate knowledge of working with wood, but it also means we have an equally discerning eye when it comes to creatively accessorising your beautifully crafted timber cabinetry.





We have taken the time to assemble a well-considered collection of handles and knobs, because we know how important it is that you in turn have the time and the creative freedom to decide on this crucial design element.

We've drawn on our specifications from yesteryear and blended these with contemporary concepts to create a timeless choice of premium quality handles and knobs, that can be added to each of the three Kitchen Makers schemes.

As befits the authentic blueprint of the Kitchen Makers styles, we've opted for a selection of shapes and finishes that ooze period prestige, such as pewter, brushed brass and copper. But the overall design control remains firmly in your hands – quite literally – since you have the freedom to mix and match whatever combination works best for your style. Dial up tradition with a heavy dose of classic cup handles teamed with cupboard catches or inject a more discreet feel with neat, circular chrome knobs.

