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## \*This\* Will Be the #1 Kitchen Reno Trend for 2019

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In these crazy times, it seems the ultimate luxury is a chill night at home—so it's really no wonder that the latest craze in kitchen design echoes our cravings for comfort and informality. Enter: the banquette dining nook. This cozy setup has absolutely skyrocketed in popularity in recent years. Why? Not only do they exude casual, contemporary polish, they're also a brilliant use of space, allowing for flexible seating and extra breathing room in your layout. We asked our design-savvy friends for their best banquette-spiration.



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Designer **Courtney Thomas** always advocates for extra walking space—like in this room, where a banquette allows for more space between the wet bar and doorway. A hot tip from Thomas: “Plan for at least 24” of table space per seat and 24” of ‘push-back’ clearance behind each chair. These are good rules-of-thumb for deciding how many chairs can fit at a table and how big a table you can get away with in each space!” she says.