

# Butler's Pantry – The Ultimate Luxury Item For Modern Kitchens

Kitchens in most households are considered the social hub of the home and are fast changing with the introduction of the ultimate luxury item – the butler's pantry. Elderton Homes has witnessed a meteoric rise in people requesting a butler's pantry, driven by open plan living and an increase in home entertaining. Jamilla Doueih, Drafting Manager for Elderton Homes comments, "The kitchen is the social hub of the home, with all of the main gathering activities focused around it, including of course meal time. The kitchen within the kitchen or better known as the butler's pantry, is a relatively new addition and requires careful planning and additional space.

"The butler's pantry was traditionally used to store silver, serving pieces and other kitchen related items. It was often under lock and key to keep thieves out, however today it serves as a second functional kitchen. Once considered a luxury item for wealthy people, today everyone is considering one due to their diverse nature and size." She added, "New home designers need to contemplate whether to create a bigger kitchen or incorporate a butler's pantry. The key consideration is to seamlessly meld the design with the rest of the house including the alfresco space. Entertainers and those that love to cook, are increasingly choosing the butler's pantry. The space is primarily being used to hide daily clutter and acts as an excellent food preparation area.

"It really is an extension of the kitchen, often with sink facilities, a preparation zone, additional storage and in some cases a dishwasher and wine fridge. Butler's pantries are located directly off the main kitchen. For cohesive design, colour theming for paint and benchtop finishes should generally be in line with the main kitchen. "All heat elements such as ovens, microwaves and cooktops are usually kept in the main kitchen. If an additional oven or microwave is required, this might be located in the butler's pantry. If you are looking to skip a few costs, consider lower grade cabinetry and aesthetic components. Cavity doors are also an ideal way to enclose the space."

"If entertaining is what you love to do, or you need extra space for the growing family, perhaps even intergenerational living – a butler's pantry is worth considering. Remember your kitchen is always on show especially in an open plan environment. With or without wait staff, it can add significant value to a kitchen and is considered an entertainer's dream," concluded Jamilla

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