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Open storage with style is a trend to consider.

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Ample storage space—it's the one amenity topping every homeowner's must-have list. Extra kudos if the storage options are cleverly disguised in sleek cabinetry or beautiful credenzas. But a new, exciting trend is blowing the doors off of this theory. What if the best way to add storage is by converting it into a visual display and assimilating it into the home's design flow? According to Anna Wilder, owner of DesignLoft Cabinets, homeowners are increasingly warming to the concept of open shelving and wire mesh as an alternative to traditional cabinetry. Form and function with flair? Yes, please!

"The decision to incorporate open shelving into a space can be intimidating for some," Wilder says, "but the advantages, from aesthetic beauty to organizational maintenance to cost efficiency, are worth the risk. Better yet, there are numerous options by which homeowners can use such shelving installations to add personalization to their space."

Whether in a kitchen, bath, laundry room, or bar area, many homeowners are opting for open shelving as their contemporary storage solution. There are various ways to include open storage options



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in the home, including doorless cabinetry, shelving (floating or with interesting brackets), or recessed shelving built into the wall. They allow for more light to flow through and require less intrusion into the room, creating the appearance of more square footage in the space. Sometimes easier to install than traditional cabinetry and often more affordable, open shelving provides convenient access and ease of use while also personalizing the space.

“An element of creativity goes into organizing storage for your open shelves, and homeowners can have fun placing their supplies in interesting and accessible ways,” Wilder says. “They are also ideal for displaying collectible pieces—a conversation starter for guests.”

For those hesitant to go with a full open-storage style, decorative wire mesh is another great option for homeowners looking for an aesthetic edge with a semi-open construction, offering a glimpse through closed doors while adding depth.

“Wire mesh, inserts, and open shelving give cabinetry versatility,” Wilder says. “These installations not only lend visual beauty and appeal to the design aesthetic but also provide a level of functionality for storage, allowing for airflow perfect for electronic storage while also artistically concealing the items being stored.”

Reminiscent of antique kitchen pie safes, today’s wire mesh or woven metal grilles embrace a sleeker, contemporary vibe. And they are available in a plethora of patterns and finishes that can be customized to match other prominent aesthetics throughout the home. From galvanized chicken-wire inserts to elaborate geometric designs, wire mesh can up the glam factor or speak to the latest modern industrial style.

Wilder further shares, “The beauty of open shelving and wire mesh is that either can fit seamlessly into any home design and offer a convenient storage solution for any room. The possibilities are limitless.” ♦

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