HOW AN OPEN PLAN LAYOUT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFESTYLE

Have you considered adding an open plan layout to your home?

Done right – they’re a beautiful and impressive addition to any space. By moving away from the conventional layout of closed and separate rooms, this design choice can introduce a feeling of spaciousness, light and a refreshingly contemporary style.

But open plan living can change more than just the aesthetics of a home.

It can also have a profound and positive impact on personal lifestyle – take a glimpse of this Livinator article to see just how much of an influence design can really have on the way you live.

So how can effective design complement lifestyle choices? Read on and find out.

Get closer

When everyone in the family has different interests, it can be unwittingly easy to find everyone separated into individual rooms and spaces.

The resident chef might be experimenting in the kitchen, while you’re working away in the home study. But wouldn’t it be great to still be able to share a conversation at the same time?

While open plan living creates one large and accessible area, it also allows everyone to enjoy their independence and space, by defining clear zones with their own identity.
Which means that everyone is able to share time together more easily – and build closer relationships with each other, whilst still enjoying individual space.

**Create a calmer space**

The fluid, casual air of an open plan area certainly gives a home editorial-worthy looks, but great design is about more than simply looking good.

It’s about making a space function in the most effective and seamless way possible.

A more open space can change the mood and atmosphere of the home – making it feel calmer and more comfortable – the perfect, tranquil environment.

By creating a space where people can communicate more easily with each other, there’s less of a need for formality – helping to nurture a more relaxed atmosphere.

**Organisation that works for you**

Hiding different functions away in separate rooms can sometimes make spaces feel uncomfortable, unwelcome or even forbidden.

But open plan allows you to enjoy all the benefits of a clearly organised space, without any of the restrictions that can come with a traditional layout.

By creatively using walls, islands, cupboards and other storage features, you can establish versatile and practical organisation solutions – tailored to suit individual requirements.

For those areas where privacy is important, using partitions or dividers adds discreet space, while still maintaining the open character of the layout.

And by using a flowing décor theme throughout, you’ll create a cohesive and consistent atmosphere through each part of the area.

**Embrace the outdoors**

With an open plan layout that seamlessly merges kitchen and living areas with the garden, you can create a fantastic open space that combines indoor and outdoor living together.

Summer garden parties are no longer cut-off from the rest of the home - instead, enjoy drinks on the patio, or easily step into the kitchen for a buffet.
French doors meanwhile, are a great way of allowing natural light into the indoors, throughout all seasons. Imagine a beautifully atmospheric autumnal garden, viewed from the cosiness of your fireplace.

Open plan living is a great way to transform a home into a space that is truly designed for you - choose to create a space that’s family friendly, or tailor it to an active, social lifestyle.

Whether you love to have friends over for dinner parties or simply want to be able to spend more time with the family, open plan living is the ideal design for a convivial, relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

**How would you like to change your design to suit your lifestyle? Share your thoughts with us!**