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Definition

The open plan combines the traditional functional kitchen with other traditionally separated rooms creating a single shared space.

The open plan kitchen and living room described a scenario where:

- existing interior spaces are reconfigured by merging two rooms that were originally conceived as separate
- single kitchen-living room environment is designed from scratch.



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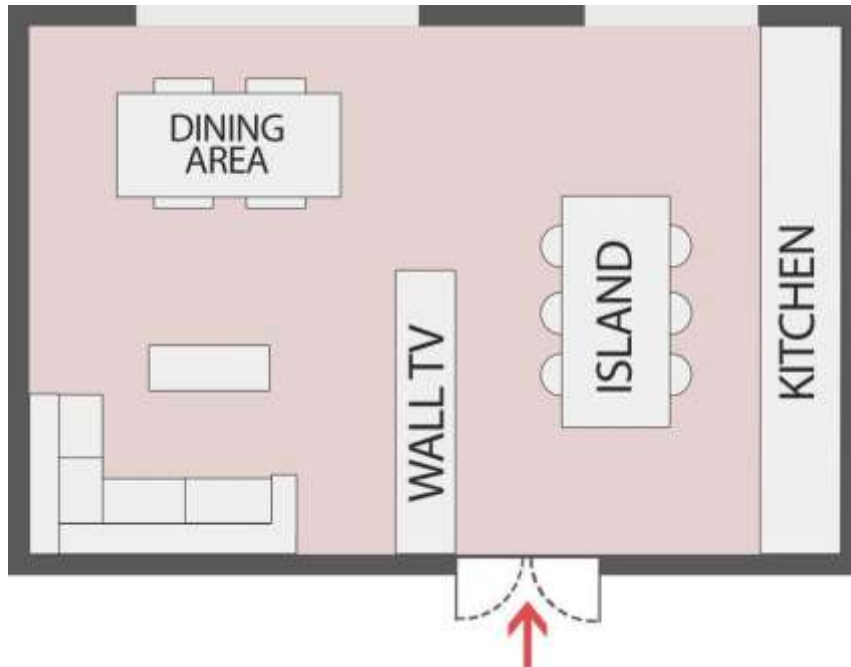
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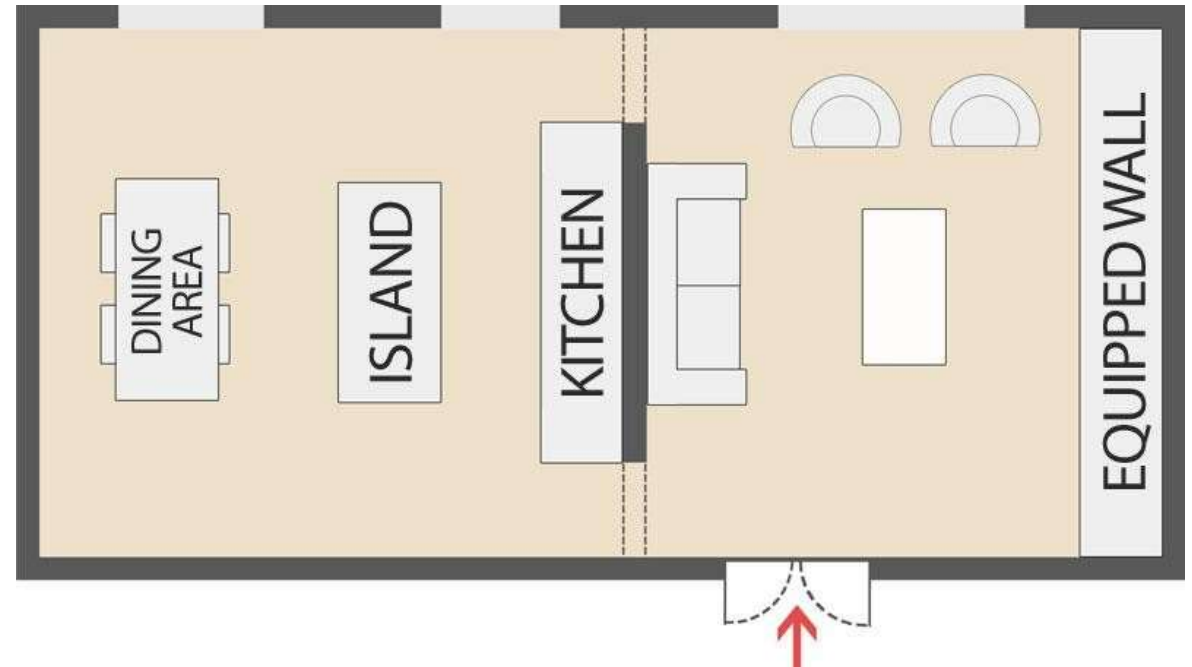
Layouts and types

Depending on your needs and the spaces available, it is possible to design an open plan with kitchen and living room that are:

- **fully integrated,**
- **partially integrated.**



Fully integrated Open plan kitchen and living room



Partially integrated Open plan kitchen and living room

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Pros and cons

Pros of an *open plan* kitchen/living are:

- brighter environments
- space optimization
- more usable and functional spaces
- greater sharing and interaction between users
- more flexible, dynamic and modern spaces.

Cons of an open plan kitchen/living are:

- Lack of privacy
- less vertical partitions to place furniture
- interference between different domestic activities
- Spread of noises, smell and fumes from the kitchen throughout the living area.



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5 fundamental rules to design an open plan

Here is a list of some good design rules to consider when designing an open plan:

- prefer **multi-functional furnishings** that adapt to a practical kitchen and are consistent with the style chosen
- create a **fluid space** characterized by movable elements (doors or walls)
- **differentiate the various areas** of the open plan (reading area, relaxation area, dining room, kitchen, etc.) with false ceilings, low-level furniture or carpets
- in the event of renovation, **verify the position of existing structural elements** (columns, beams, load-bearing walls, etc.) to avoid unexpected interference during works



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Example of an open plan kitchen and living room

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