

Surrounded by the noise and chaos of contemporary life and the feeling of being constantly connected to it, leads us to crave a sanctuary of calm and relaxation within the personal space of our homes. The inspiration behind the Seta collection, designed by Alberto Minotti and produced by Minotti Cucine was to achieve a sense of visual silence within the home, creating an air of tranquillity through a process of subtracting the unnecessary. The result is striking in its simplicity, demonstrating purity of form where every kitchen element is outwardly simplified, removing conventional distractions, such as handles, plinths and appliances to pare back each element to an object of sculptural beauty, while simultaneously functioning as an efficient working design. Reflecting Minotti Cucine's mission statement, 'inner calm, where the space left is as important as the space filled, and the design speaks volumes without the need to shout', the Seta collection embodies precisely this.

The Italian for silk, the Seta collection is designed in delicate silk encased between two layers of glass surrounded and protected by a strong aluminium frame. Natural stone countertops are designed in horizontal and vertical panels to conceal the joins and enhance the strong and seamless aesthetic. Achieving a beautiful balance between form and function, the scheme incorporates appliances beneath the work surface, rising at the touch of a button when required for use. Retracting back for a flush finish when not in use, the beauty of the cabinetry can be appreciated as a stunning collection of furniture as well as an efficient working kitchen space. The perfect kitchen for entertaining, the delicate silk surfaces protected by the glass façade and aluminium framing gives this collection the versatility to suit a sophisticated dining area or other entertaining space. Shown in a kitchen environment, the collection is also shown in a wine room / dining room setting, demonstrating the design's versatility and adaptability. minotticucinelondon.com

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The new silk kitchen is born – the delicacy of silk wrapped in protective glass is paired with natural quartzite surfaces for an ultimately indulgent aesthetic

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