We’re fans of the utilitarian kitchen (think deVol and Plain English), old-fashioned cabinet latches included. In the days before magnet closures, latches—both spring-loaded knobs and shutter bars—were designed to keep cabinet doors closed. Today they’re still utilized for their sturdiness, but also for their retro appeal. Here are our favorites.

Above: British Standard Cabinet Latches in the British Standard Ideal Kitchen. You can buy the latches à la carte from British Standard in brass, chrome, or tourmaline for £49 to £69.
Above: The Rocky Mountain Hardware Cabinet Latch CL100 is available in 10 different finishes (shown in Silicon Bronze Light). Contact Rocky Mountain Hardware for pricing and more information.

Above: The Jeffrey Alexander Cabinet Latch is made of zinc and finished with polished nickel; $11.39 at My Knobs.