

**FOCUS OF ATTENTION**

Positioned perfectly to make the most of the garden view, the island unit makes a stunning room centrepiece



# Worth THE WAIT

This elegant family kitchen makes for the ideal space to hang out in and enjoy the views of the garden

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**SIMPLE & STYLISH**

Dark grey paint nicely contrasts the white quartz worktop and splashback in the preparation area. Who wouldn't want to spend time here washing up?

**W**hat's not to love about living in the leafy suburb of Twickenham? Claire Richardson, a research director and her husband Marlon, a partner in an Advisory Services firm, had found the ideal road they wanted to live on within walking distance of the high street. 'It took us over two years to find the right property to buy but when I walked into this house, I just thought 'wow'. It had high ceilings and such a sense of space, everything I'd dreamed of,' says Claire.

The detached 1920s five bedroom property needed renovating but when the family first moved in they were in no rush to make any decisions. They needed time to settle in with their daughters Scarlett, 11, and Violet, nine.

'We wanted to create an open-plan style of living that was contemporary but not too cold and clinical. The first thing we decided on was to have a pitched roof on the extension with gallery-style windows spanning across the back of the house to frame the view of the garden and bring in light,' Claire explains. 'I took my time looking for the right kitchen company that could offer us something a bit different. When I started talking to Jane Powell, the designer at Roundhouse, about my ideas on colour and design she was on my wavelength. I just knew she would come up with a design that wouldn't just be a standard kitchen layout, with blocks of units.'

'It was a perfectly proportioned room. I don't often get the chance to design a kitchen with so much space and light to work with. It meant I didn't have to compromise with the layout and could include our largest pieces of bespoke cabinetry like the double door pantry cupboard,' Jane explains.

'At Roundhouse each kitchen is unique and the choice of colour is a key part to the success of a design. We use Farrow & Ball or Designers Guild paint but for Claire's kitchen we chose the French Grey range by Little Greene as that has blended seamlessly with the walnut hand rails,' Jane adds.

'It's just a great space to hang out in whether it's just the four of us or we're entertaining family and friends. Scarlett and Violet sit around the island to do their homework and we can catch up while I'm cooking dinner. This is the place in the house we all want to be,' Claire says. *EKBB*



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**SUPER SPACIOUS**  
 Right There's plenty of room now for when family and friends drop around to visit



**FRESH DESIGN**

The kitchen area is now updated with a handleless design and plenty of natural light coming in through the gallery-style windows



**DETAIL MATTERS**

Touches of walnut are an understated part of the design but add that extra touch of luxury to everyday living



***Kitchen profile***

This stylish Urbo bespoke handleless kitchen from Roundhouse has a matt lacquer finish painted in Little Greene French Dark Grey 163 to co-ordinate with magnificent timber framed windows and doors. The interiors of the cabinets and handrails have been handmade with American Black walnut all made to order in their own factory in Malvern. Topped off with a stunning composite white quartz worktop and splashback with a polished pencil edge.

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**SPACE TO STORE**

With a double pantry unit at the core of the kitchen, space for storage is freed up, so the best crockery can take pride of place



**COOL CORNERS**

**Above** An American-style fridge-freezer from Fisher & Paykel looks good and keeps the family stocked up

**USEFUL DESIGN**

**Below** The super-sized pantry cupboard is not only practical but stylish too, with a classy walnut finish



**HIDDEN EXTRAS**

An integrated extractor fan from Westin is cleverly disguised in this bespoke cabinetry unit, giving a feeling of extra light and space



**JANE POWELL**  
DESIGNER,  
ROUNDHOUSE KITCHENS



**Why did you integrate walnut wood into this kitchen?** I knew integrating a natural material into the design would soften the entire look and wood is something we use a lot in all our kitchens. Walnut has a smart rich finish that adds a bit more depth than other woods like oak. However, it's not a strong enough product to be used as a vertical door panel for the cabinetry so we opted for the interiors of the kitchen to be walnut. We included the detail in the handrails, shelving and pantry cupboard instead. I'm really pleased with the finish.

**And the bespoke pieces?** There were gaps in the layout especially in the dining area. It would have been easy just to continue the run of units down both sides of the wall to fill the space. We had provided plenty of storage already in the core of the kitchen especially with the double pantry unit so I was free to come up with a solution that was more aesthetic than practical. Claire liked my idea of using a combination of 'floating cabinetry'. It's not an item of furniture we display in any of our showrooms so it's quite unusual.



*'We had plenty of storage already so I was free to come up with a solution that was more aesthetic than practical – hence the floating cabinetry'*

**LONG LINES**

Low-level double ovens with a sunken hob from Barazza fit seamlessly into this contemporary layout



**PERFECT MATCH**

Walls and windows are painted in Little Greene French Grey Pale to co-ordinate beautifully with timber framed bi-fold doors painted in Tecknos Stone-Grey

**Stockists**

**APPLIANCES**

Series 3 B45E74N3GB Circotherm oven, £924; Series 3 C57M70N3GB combination microwave, £731; N21H40N3GB warming drawer, £358; S51M53X1GB VarioFlex dishwasher, £467, all Neff. BL/517 247 Zerox undermounted sink in stainless steel, £380, Blanco. KWT 6321 UG built-under wine conditioning unit, approx. £1,500, Miele. 24198 RF540ADUSX4 three-door fridge-freezer with pull-out freezer drawer and ice and water dispenser, approx. £1,999, Fisher & Paykel. TPLB5 90cm flush built-in hob, £1,200, Barazza. Cache 900mm Integrated extractor in stainless steel, £577, Westin.

**FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS**

20573149 Oxygen pull-out kitchen rinse mixer in brushed nickel, £292, Gessi. 3DRVS PRO3 boiling water tap in stainless steel, £816.67, Quooker. Oak engineered wooden flooring, prices on request, from GFDF floors. Polished chrome pendant lights, £29.99, from Taylor'd Lighting & Interiors. Bar stools with oak seat and walnut legs, from £395, Pinch Design. Similar Alhede rug, £75, from Ikea. Similar corner sofa Cloud range with Ottoman, from £3,100, Camerich.

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