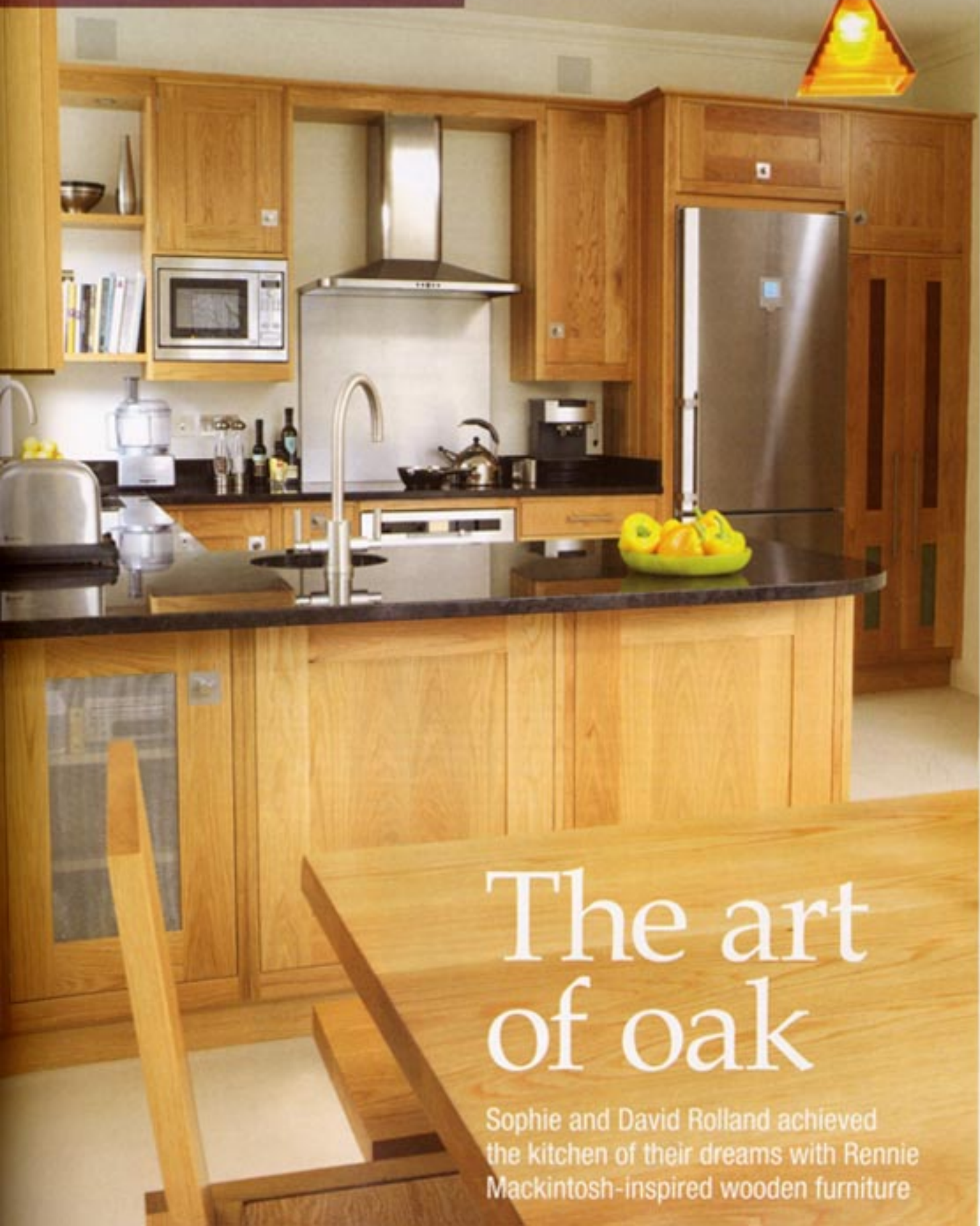


Andy Stone used oak cabinets from Crabtree's Manhattan range to create this kitchen. The room is still the same size, but Andy's design means I walk around a lot less,' says Sophie



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The art of oak

Sophie and David Rolland achieved the kitchen of their dreams with Rennie Mackintosh-inspired wooden furniture

Cellist Sophie Rolland and her husband David live in a spacious Edwardian house in west London and knew, when they moved in 15 years ago, that the kitchen already there wasn't to their tastes. 'When we bought the house it was in a bit of a mess because it had been split into two flats,' Sophie explains. 'However, as the kitchen had only recently been installed, and there was so much else that needed doing to the house, we just left it as it was.'

It was only when Sophie decided to take a break from her musical career to spend time at home with their youngest daughter Mia, now five, that the couple decided they were long overdue a new kitchen. 'It's a big investment,' Sophie says, 'but ultimately, it can influence the sale price of a house, so we really wanted to do it properly.'

Sophie decided to approach Crabtree Kitchens. 'I'd passed their showroom lots of times and had always admired the kitchens on display,' she says, 'but it was when I went to visit a friend and saw she had just had a new kitchen fitted by Crabtree that I realised that they were the company for us. When I walked into her new kitchen I immediately loved the

solid wood cabinets she'd chosen, so I just had to see what Crabtree could offer us.'

Sophie had some definite ideas about the new design. 'I had a very strong image in my head of a beautiful wood kitchen, as I love natural materials. I wanted the overall look to be contemporary, but it also had to complement our Edwardian house, so the Mackintosh-influenced, Art Nouveau style of these cabinets is perfect for us,' she explains.

Fortunately, the kitchen space didn't need much in the way of structural alterations, apart from the reduction of a large brick pier which took up a great deal of space between the two windows. 'It couldn't be completely removed,' says Sophie, 'but it was significantly reduced and the Mackintosh-style cupboard hiding it looks so beautiful there now.'

To begin with Sophie wanted an island in the centre of the kitchen. However, her designer Andy Stone offered two different plans, one with an island, and one with a peninsula. 'As soon as I saw Andy's peninsula plan I realised it was the far better option,' Sophie says. 'Now I have a beautiful kitchen and separate elegant dining area that's also casual enough to use every day.'

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The preparation and cooking area, which incorporates a peninsula rather than an island, has been designed to form a U shape, so that Sophie never needs to move far when she is making a meal. Colourful glass details in the Mackintosh-inspired cabinetry create interesting features throughout the kitchen. The pretty Corby pendant lights in Amber came from Christopher Wray

“There is always a way to hide a structural necessity. The colourful glass cupboard Andy designed to hide the window pier was a great solution”
Sophie Rolland



Having a sink set into the peninsula means that Sophie can confine all preparation work to that area if necessary – but there's still plenty of room for manoeuvre in the rest of the kitchen. The dining table and benches came from Tablemakers



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DESIGN & CABINETRY

- Andy Stone at **Crabtree Kitchens**, 17 Station Barnes, London SW13 0LF (020 8392 6955) www.crabtreekitchens.co.uk
- Solid American white oak furniture from the Manhattan range

WORKTOPS

- Castagna Brown granite. Price per linear m

SINKS & TAPS

- Icerock 3331W single-bowl sink, Kohler
- Icerock 3339W round prep sink, Kohler
- 2 x Atlas Aquifer water filter taps in stainless steel, Abode, each
- Axell pull-out spray unit, Abode
- ISE75 waste disposal, In-Sink-Erator

APPLIANCES (shown)

- DOP490X built-in multifunction single oven with Pyroclean, De Dietrich
- HF17055GB built-in microwave, Siemens
- DTI318J four-zone induction hob, De Dietrich
- DHD424X chimney hood, De Dietrich
- CBNes506720 freestanding Biofresh fridge freezer, Liebherr

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated dishwasher, Siemens

◀ A single-column wine rack has been included in the side of the peninsula facing the dining area, while a perforated steel-fronted cabinet next to it houses the family's music system

▶ Sophie had this drawer specially lined so she can store all her bakery goods and doesn't need a bread bin on the worktop. The Bianco Luna floor tiles came from European Heritage



The black glass induction hob, which Sophie loves, blends seamlessly with the dark granite worksurface, while the multifunction Pyroclean oven has been placed underneath for ease of use, with the fridge freezer and double-door larder also close by



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