



Enhancing everyday

The need to replace a dilapidated kitchen gave this family the opportunity to completely reconfigure their downstairs space

“Our old kitchen was 15 years old and falling apart,” says Alison Wyatt, who lives in this Edwardian property in Wimbledon with her husband Gary and their two children. “We wanted our new room to be better suited to entertaining, and be practical and robust enough for family life.” At the same time as replacing the kitchen, the couple decided to build a rear return extension, knock the kitchen and dining room into one, move the utility room, install underfloor heating, landscape the garden and add an underground wine cellar.

“Style-wise, the clients wanted a sleek and contemporary design, but using a stunning hue for the wow factor,” explains Andy Stone of Andy Stone Interior Design, who created the kitchen. “For minimalism, I limited the colours to two. We began with Corian worktops in Glacier Ice – chosen for its durability and ability to have a lip on the front edge in the wet area – and then used

blue on the handleless lacquer doors with colour-matched glass splashbacks.” The choice of oak for the flooring was echoed in the dining area furniture for continuity.

To keep the whole family area looking tidy, the Wyatts wanted to maximise storage capacity and worktop area, and also enable any surface clutter to be easily hidden away. “After considering a number of concept layouts, this island design won for sociability, ease of movement, ergonomics and an up-to-date look,” Andy continues. “To provide the storage facilities required, we needed to make the most of the tall cabinets. However, using too many cupboards risked sacrificing worktop space and overpowering the room. Since there was one obvious wall to place them, we chose full-depth cabinets running right into the corner, where a 1200mm-wide steel tambour shutter allows the countertop to be hidden away in an instant.” ●●●



*Owners: Alison and Gary Wyatt with their two children Matt, 12, and Sally, 10
Total spend: £150,000 including extension and underground wine cellar
Style: Sleek and contemporary*

Advice from the designer

“With any large ‘living’ kitchen that will be used for a range of activities – such as a kitchen, diner, lounge and AV snug – the whole space needs to be designed, not just the kitchen. Treat the room like a blank canvas and explore the possibility of moving doors, windows or walls to see if it could help the scheme. Design the lighting and any AV technology as one project alongside the interior furniture and décor.” *Andy Stone of Andy Stone Interior Design*



“Lighting was also very important in the new combined space,” says Alison, “as the open-plan room has to be lit for many different requirements, such as everyday cooking, homework, entertaining, and so on. The Xenon uplighters give a really nice light above the wall units.” Andy also used recessed swiveling low-voltage halogen ceiling spots with a black baffle to reduce glare, flush halogen under-cabinet lights, starlights in the rooflight and John Cullen spots above the dining table. The various areas are on different circuits controlled by a Hamilton digital system.

“The kitchen looks great and works well throughout the day and evening; it has really changed how we use the house,” says Alison. “The open-plan kitchen diner is very flexible – for example we can seat 18 for dinner, or move the table back to have an expansive area for table tennis or suchlike, and we have plenty of space in which to cook and serve food. The wine cellar hidden below a trapdoor in here is a fantastic feature and makes it really easy to access, store and age wine, but my favourite parts are the dovetailed oak cutlery drawer and boiling water tap. We love the well-crafted wooden finish inside the units, and it is just brilliant not to have to wait for a cup of tea!” ●

Details

Kitchen & lighting design by Andy Stone of Andy Stone Interior Design. Kitchens from £20,000
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