

# 'I picked out ideas from *Beautiful Kitchens* to create our design'

Trish and Dave Gibb have put their stamp on their extended home with a practical yet stunning Shaker-style kitchen

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says

If you don't have enough room for a table and chairs, a peninsula can be an easy way of creating a compact dining area in a small space

#### BESPOKE CABINETRY

Shaker-style MDF units from Furniture & Design has been spray-painted in **New White** and **Old White** by Farrow & Ball and finished with **solid oak** corning and columns, **oak veneered** plinths and **waisted flat bow handles** in satin nickel

#### BREAKFAST BAR

A **solid oak** column supports the **Ubatuba Gold** granite breakfast bar, supplied by Coulon Stone. Underneath it, an infrequently accessed cupboard hides the water softener. **Jack oak** bar chairs from John Lewis slide completely underneath

#### FLOORING

Differently sized **Cairo Natural** porcelain tiles came from The Ceramic Tile Company





**END-OF-RUN STORAGE**

An angled cupboard door by the hob conceals seasonings and spices and is a signature feature of a Furniture & Design kitchen

**LARDER**

Roomy shelves allow Trish to see everything in the larder, even when it's full with food. On the back of the doors, storage racks are perfect for bottles. There is also space on the granite cold shelf for small appliances



**TRISH AND DAVE GIBB LIVE WITH THEIR DAUGHTER BECKY, 14, IN A FOUR-BEDROOM, GEORGIAN-STYLE HOME IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**

While many of us dream of moving to the country, three years ago, Trish and Dave Gibb, a client manager, decided to do the opposite and relocate to a market town from their 1970s-built house in a village. However, when they couldn't find a property they liked, the couple decided to stay put and transform their current home instead. 'We wanted to extend the house and add some rooms,' explains Trish, a housewife. 'It was quite ugly to start with but a front extension was designed to give it more character.'

After the extension was complete, the couple felt that the original, dated kitchen looked quite small. 'We agreed to make a bigger kitchen by knocking through into the utility room and partitioning off part of that area for a smaller utility,' says Trish.

While the Gibbs knew they wanted a Shaker-style kitchen, Trish was keen to avoid a country cottage look and began researching styles. 'I bought a few copies of *Beautiful Kitchens* and tabbed pages of ideas that I liked. By the time we started looking for a kitchen company I knew exactly what I wanted to do,' she explains.

After seeing three kitchens in friends' houses that had been planned by Darren Wells at Furniture & Design, Trish was confident she'd found the right designer for her new scheme. 'I met Darren and we just hit it off. If you're working with someone that has the same sort of ideas as you, everything flows,' she reveals.

Briefed by Trish and her folder of ideas, Darren set about creating a kitchen with spray-painted, Shaker-style doors, framed by solid oak to echo the timber elements elsewhere in the couple's home. Trish was keen to have an island but sadly, the room wasn't wide enough to accommodate one. Undaunted, Darren designed a smart breakfast bar that would function as a place for the family to gather. 'The way Darren designed the breakfast bar, it feels like an island. I definitely have the next best thing,' beams Trish.

The kitchen has already transformed the lives of the Gibb family. 'It sounds like a cliché but I didn't realise what a difference the new design would make until it was done,' says Trish. 'We spend more time in the kitchen than we used to as there's space for three or four people to sit. As a family, it's been really good for us.' **BK**

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**BUILT-IN OVEN**

'The Neff oven has a revolving handle, so I don't jar my wrist as it opens,' says Trish. 'The whole door then slides under the oven out of the way. Dave says it's a gimmick but I love it'



**BK loves**  
...the way the oven door slides underneath



**COOL STORAGE**

A Samsung American-style fridge freezer has a chilled water and ice dispenser in the door that is a hit with all the family

'THE WATER AND ICE DISPENSER MEANS MY DAUGHTER DRINKS A LOT MORE WATER. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE NOVELTY OF PLAYING WITH THE MACHINE, THOUGH'





**PRICE GUIDE**  
Total price  
**£18,078**  
for this Furniture & Design kitchen, cabinetry only

## THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

### DESIGN & CABINETRY

- Darren Wells at **Furniture & Design**, 7 Bankside, Stationfield Industrial Estate, Kidlington, Oxon OX5 1JE (01865 370222) [www.furnitureanddesign.co.uk](http://www.furnitureanddesign.co.uk)
- Bespoke, spray-painted MDF cabinetry with solid oak furniture and glass doors



### WORKTOPS

- 30mm Ubatuba Gold granite, Coulon Stone. Price per sq m, from **£170**

### FLOORING

- Cairo Natural porcelain floor tiles, The Ceramic Tile Company. Price per sq m, from **£12.90**

### SINK & TAP

- VBK160 undermounted one-and-a-quarter-bowl white ceramic sink, Franke **£431**
- 4846NI Mimas C-spout monobloc mixer tap in nickel with separate rinse, Perrin & Rowe **£361**
- ISE65 waste disposal unit, In-Sink-Erator **£189**

### APPLIANCES (shown)

- B45E54N0GB built-in single oven, Neff **£886**



- C57M70 built-in combination oven, Neff **£663**
- T43D80 extra-wide, four-zone induction hob, Neff **£778**
- Luna Crystal 900 chimney extractor hood, Eurokappa at CookerHoodsForYou **£467**

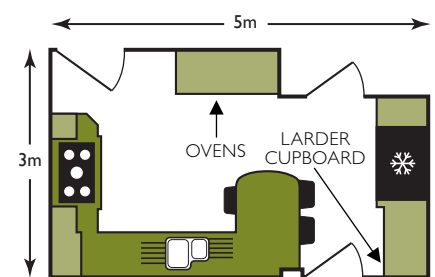
- N21H40 built-in warming drawer, Neff **£347**
- RSG5DUMH integrated American-style fridge freezer, Samsung **£910**

### APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Existing freestanding microwave, Panasonic **£160**
- Fully integrated dishwasher, Bosch **£395**

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PLAN SCALE 1cm:1m



### APPLIANCES

A single oven sits among a bank of appliances, including a combination oven and warming drawer, all by Neff. 'Having the ovens at waist height is great, because I'm not bending over all the time to try to lift up a joint of meat,' says Trish

### SINK AREA

A one-and-a-quarter-bowl ceramic sink by Franke has been paired with a Mimas C-spout tap in nickel by Perrin & Rowe. Next to it is a switch for the In-Sink-Erator waste disposal unit