

INTO THE BLUE

Painted Shaker units and Moroccan-style floor tiles have been carefully teamed to create an eyecatching kitchen/dining room.

Sally Campbell, 52, and her husband Gary, 53, live in a four-bedroom, semi-detached house in Hampton, Middlesex, with their children Tom, 18, and Erin, 16. Over 13 years they have updated different areas, finally turning their attention to the kitchen.

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HOUSE BEAUTIFUL SAYS...

"There's plenty of light and space in this modern kitchen, while the vibrant blue stools, patterned floor and warm colours give it lots of character."



What was the kitchen like before your update?

It functioned well but was looking a little worn – and it was quite a dark and oppressive room to spend time in.

Tell us about your plans

We wanted to take out the WC in one corner of the space, so we could knock down the dividing wall and give greater width to the kitchen. We also decided to knock down the extension and rebuild a bigger version that extended a little further into the garden. Then the kitchen and dining areas were swapped around so that the dining table would be close to the folding, sliding doors and be able to take advantage of views of the garden.

You went for two types of flooring...

Yes, it was a good way to define the kitchen area within the openplan space. We decided to use a patterned design in this zone and chose tiles with a Moroccan-influenced motif – they look fantastic and are very practical. The turquoise colourway works really well with the warm grey/brown and neutral units and makes a striking contrast with the wooden planks in the dining area.

Did you get help from a kitchen designer?

Architect Lyn Niblock-Aziz helped with the extension work. We drew up plans together, incorporating everything on our wish list, including the island with breakfast bar, the oven tower and room for a large fridge-freezer. Then I gave the plans to a designer at the showroom where we'd decided to buy everything.

How did you decide on the colour of the cabinets?

The units on display in the showroom were painted in a shade that we felt was too cold. We chose a couple of warmer, neutral hues, which provide a link with the floor tiles, and used them on different cabinets to give a relaxed, individual look.

And the lights?

They're divided into four groups controlled by a Lutron Grafik Eye dimmable system to give different levels of light for different activities. **How do you feel about the space now?**

We spend a lot of time enjoying the room and the fact that it's so well connected to the garden area. When it comes to the fittings, I'm particularly pleased with the induction hob, which looks good and is really easy to control and clean. **CONTINUED OVER NEXT PAGE**







WORKTOP The quartz finish is hardwearing and smart

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GET THE LOOK





Richie Cobalt Blue stoneware storage **jar**, £12, Habitat

French door **fridge-freezer**, £1,518, Caple

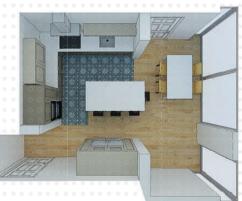
WHAT IT COST

Units	£10,740
Worktop	£3,700
Appliances	
Sink and taps	£633
Floor tiles	£1,124
Wooden flooring	£1,100
Total	£22,238



Mechanical **kitchen scales**, £16.99, Kitchen Craft

THE NEW LAYOUT There's lots of space to dine in comfort in the improved extension



SHOPPING LIST

Walls painted in Brilliant White matt emulsion, £9.99 for 2.5L, Wickes. Units painted in Rolling Fog and Attic II Intelligent eggshell, £54.50 for 2.5L, Little Greene. Units bespoke. Similar floor tiles, Toulouse Ramier, £8.99 a tile, Fired Earth. Wooden flooring, £46 a sq metre, Reed Construction. Shaker-style 600mm unit, £408; Neff Slide & Hide single oven, £690; Neff compact oven with microwave, £820; Neff warming drawer, £351; Siemens Flex induction hob, £799; Elica 800mm chinney hood, £557; Fisher & Paykel designer multi-door fridge-freezer, £1,724; Franke Kubus stainless-steel under-mounted sink, £316; Perrin & Rowe Oberon mono mixer C spout, £317; all Callaghan Interiors. Compac Quartz worktop, £500 a sq metre, Luna Stone. Glass splashback, £60, Bespoke Glass Splashbacks. Premier Housewares Cubic bar stools, £51 each, Amazon. Pendant light, made to order, Jonathan Coles. Extendable table, £190, Ikea. Similar dining chairs, Oregon pine chairs by Arne Jacobsen, £430 each, The Conran Shop. Stack Duo vase, £70; Stack Trio vase, £50; blue Utility bread bin, £85; container with ash lid, £35; utensil pot with leather handle, £32; Coro tumblers, £20 for (Basis turquoise jug, £27; all LSA International. Dualit kettle, £69.95; toaster, £59; Classic mechanical kitchen scale, £20; Mason Cash mixing bowl, £24; Varsity quiche dish, £15; all John Lewis Ite.

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