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Shining EXAMPLE

A black glass and white gloss kitchen is perfectly at home in the Hewitts' period farmhouse

BESPOKE CABINERY

The **black glass and white hi-gloss cabinetry** is from the **Logic range** by Rational at The Kitchen Store

WORKTOPS

Chunky **Antarctica Corian** is a practical choice for a family kitchen

FLOORING

Muted **Nieve Nature Urbatek porcelain tiles** are by Porcelanosa

GREAT IDEA

If you want a discreet extractor hood, consider a design that fits flush to the ceiling

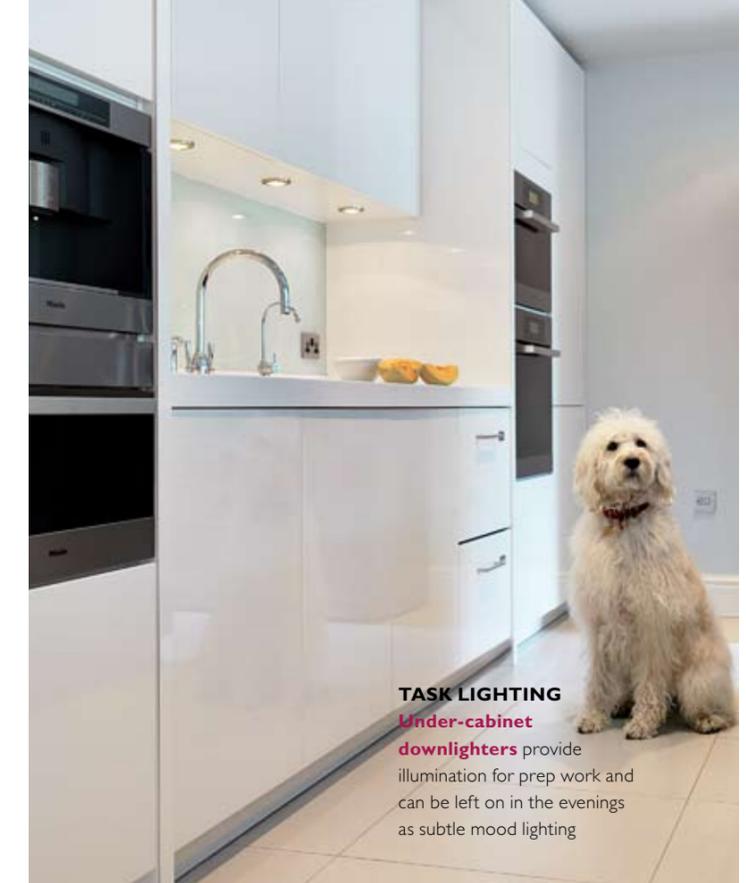


APPLIANCES

The island is positioned to create a compact working triangle, with the **single oven, steam oven, warming drawers** and **coffee machine**, all by Miele, behind and the **large fridge freezer** by John Lewis to the side

SEATING

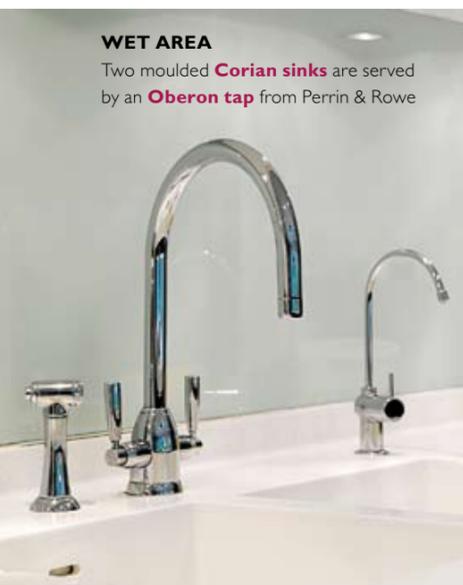
The **bar stools** came from Atlantic Shopping



TASK LIGHTING

Under-cabinet downlighters provide illumination for prep work and can be left on in the evenings as subtle mood lighting

‘WE DID GO OVER BUDGET A LITTLE BUT WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GOT IT ABSOLUTELY RIGHT’



WET AREA

Two moulded **Corian sinks** are served by an **Oberon tap** from Perrin & Rowe



DEEP DRAWERS

Wide, handleless **storage compartments** in the island are roomy enough to hold all of Caroline's large pots and pans

COOKING ZONE

A **four-zone induction hob** and **electric barbecue grill**, both by Miele, offer a variety of cooking options. The black and steel **bird-whistling hob-top kettle** is by Alessi



CAROLINE AND RICHARD HEWITT LIVE IN A FIVE-BEDROOM FARMHOUSE IN SHEFFIELD WITH THEIR CHILDREN, FRANCES, 15, AND ANNIE, 12, AND LABRADOODLE, BARNEY

After a decade of living in their home, the Hewitts decided that it was time to move and take on a new project. ‘However, when we started looking for another property, we realised that we could make alterations to this house and get exactly what we wanted without any upheaval,’ explains Richard, a textile importer.

Replacing a garage with a light-filled extension and knocking through to the former dining room instantly gave the couple more space to create an open-plan kitchen, dining and living area. ‘We knew what we wanted straight away – or at least we thought we did,’ recalls Caroline with a laugh. ‘We went to a few kitchen showrooms to get quotes for a cream, classic-style kitchen that we thought would work with our 300-year-old house, but we didn't quite get that.’

Giving each designer a brief and a budget, the couple were astounded when Eddie Grant from The Kitchen Store came up with something completely different – a design of ultra-contemporary

cabinetry with a layout totally unlike anything they had anticipated. ‘After our initial shock, we realised that he was actually right – such a modern design would look fabulous against the age and character of the house,’ continues Caroline. ‘We absolutely loved it.’

A large island looking out onto the garden and a wealth of sleek cabinetry behind it was perfect for the family. At a massive three metres long, the island had plenty of space for storage, and a large prep area as well as bar-style seating. Rather than clutter the space with too many units, designer Eddie limited the cabinetry to one wall, with a vast statement fridge freezer and integral wine cooler standing at one end.

Having initially plumped for a crisp white finish throughout, a browse around the showroom introduced the couple to some striking black glass cabinetry. ‘We loved the look but it was way over our initial budget, so we compromised by having just the island designed in the black glass,’ adds Richard.

Topped with sparkling white Corian, the chunky proportions accentuate the design but also make the kitchen easy to keep clean. ‘I wanted it to be practical but still look amazing,’ explains Caroline. ‘The kitchen works on so many levels and although something so modern wasn't even on the cards at the beginning, it was absolutely the right decision.’

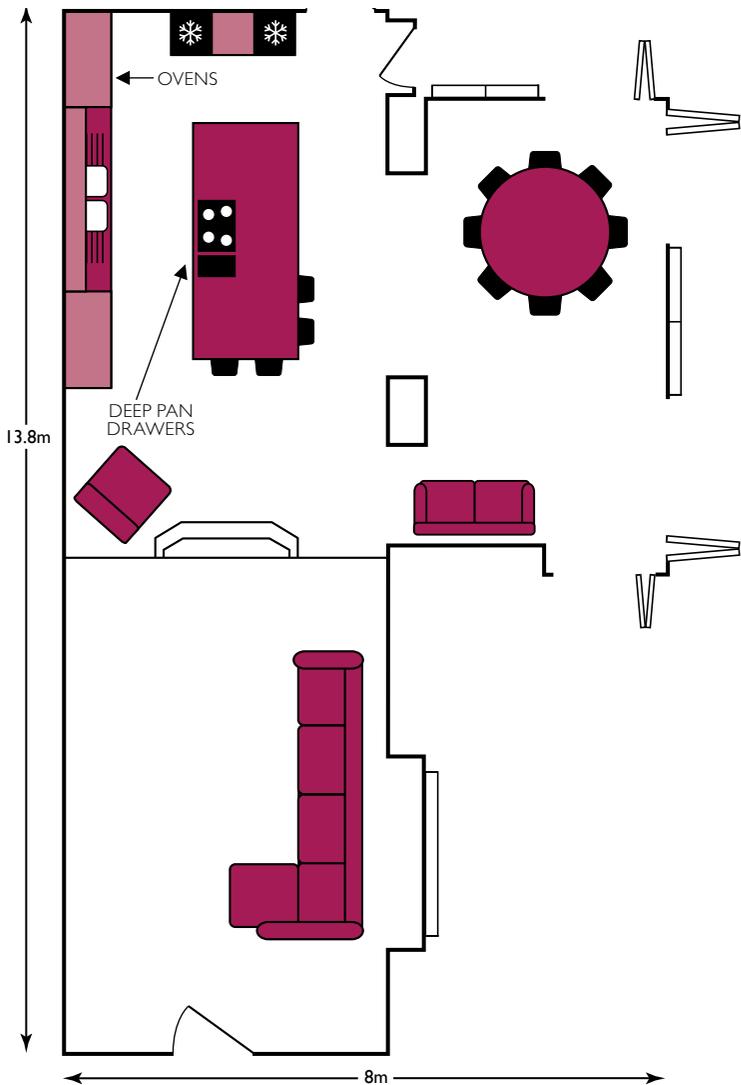
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PRICE GUIDE
 Starting price
£12,000
 for a design from
 The Kitchen Store

OPEN-PLAN LIVING

The stylish living space boasts a **cream leather sofa** from Natuzzi and a retro black leather **Barcelona chair** by **Mies van der Rohe** from Design Icons



THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINERY

- Eddie Grant at **The Kitchen Store**, 554 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield S7 1TD (0114 255 8008) www.rational-gb.com
- Bespoke black glass and white hi-gloss cabinetry from the Logic range by Rational

WORKTOPS

- 60mm Antarctica Corian. Price per linear m **£300**

FLOORING

- Nieve Nature Urbatek porcelain tiles, Porcelanosa. Price per sq m **£55**

SINKS & TAPS

- 2 x 804 Corian single-bowl sinks, as integral part of worksurface, each **£450**
- 4861CP Oberon C-spout monobloc mixer tap in chrome with separate rinse, Perrin & Rowe **£210**
- Chilled filtered water tap, for similar try Top Of The Range in stainless steel, Fountain Filters **£90**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- H5681BP built-in single oven, Miele **£2,232**
- Built-in steam oven, for similar try DGC5080XL, Miele **£2,878**

- Four-zone induction hob, for similar try KM6115, Miele **£940**
- CS1312BG electric barbecue grill, Miele **£834**
- Bespoke ceiling extractor in stainless steel, WS Westin **£2,174**
- CVA3660 built-in coffee machine, Miele **£1,527**
- ESW5080-29BL built-in warming drawer, Miele **£728**
- EGW3060-10 built-in warming drawer, Miele **£505**
- JLFFW1552 freestanding fridge freezer with integral wine cooler, John Lewis **£3,499**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated double DishDrawer dishwasher, Fisher & Paykel **£815**

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PLAN SCALE 1cm:1m

