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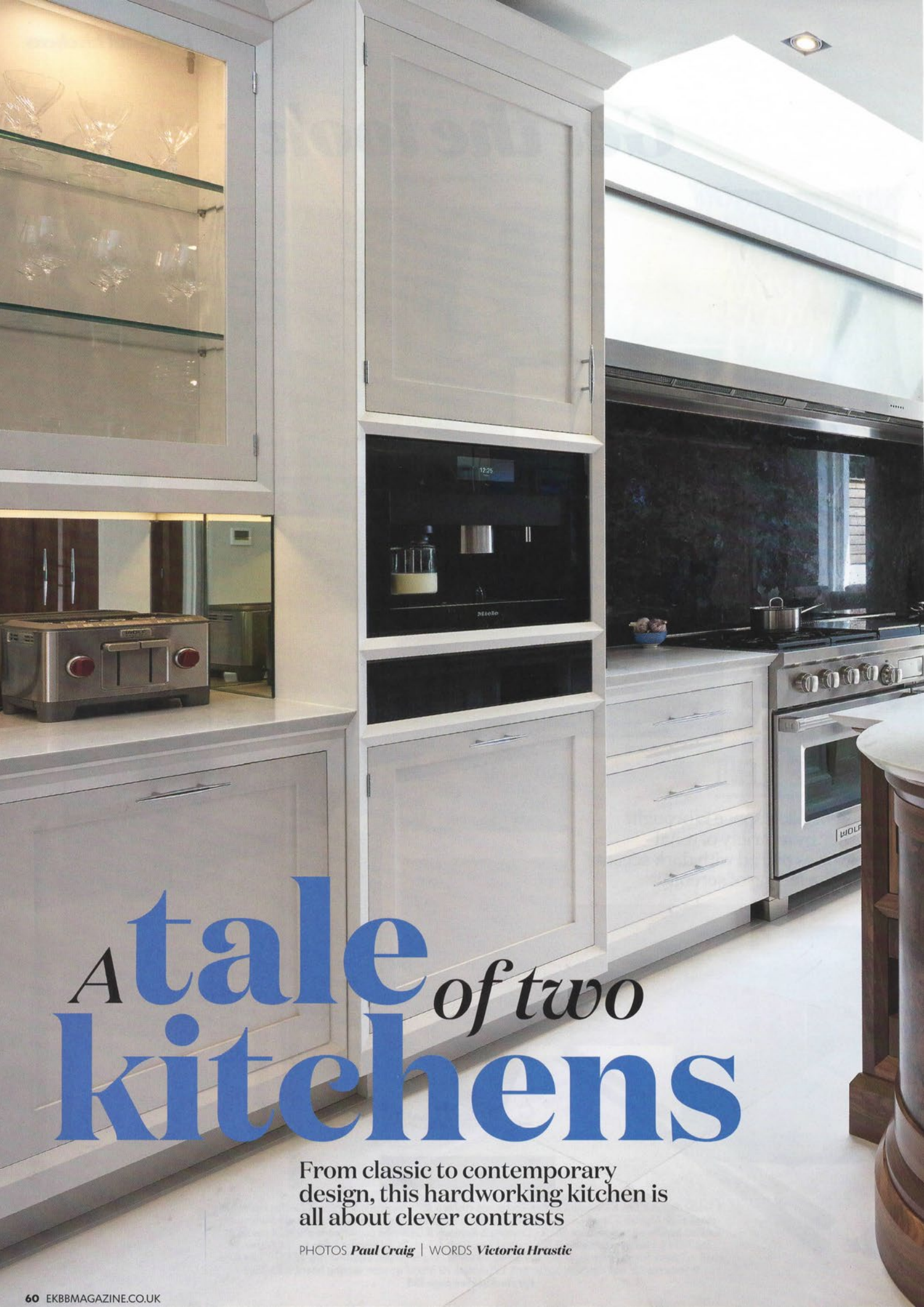
If you find washing clothes a chore, get a helping hand from the latest appliances and make short work of your dirty laundry



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This contemporary scheme marries a subtle mix of material with unexpected flashes of colour
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A tale *of two* kitchens

From classic to contemporary design, this hardworking kitchen is all about clever contrasts

PHOTOS *Paul Craig* | WORDS *Victoria Hrastic*



SEE-THROUGH

Tall wall units and functional appliances are fitted into practical zones, with a clear view to the garden



CURVE APPEAL

The burr walnut veneer on the curved island cabinet is designer Mark's favourite part of the kitchen, 'along with the way the painted returns about the walnut so seamlessly'

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aul and Silvana were sold on their Victorian terrace in west London from the moment they took in the park view from the upstairs window. In fact, they loved it so much that when their family grew, they decided to re-build rather than move to a bigger abode to accommodate their two young daughters. 'It was rare to find a house with such a view and privacy in London,' recalls Paul, 'so we drew up plans to increase the house from 1300 to 3000 sq. ft, over four floors, including a basement running the length of house and under the garden, a loft conversion, pod and terrace.' Keeping just the original façade in place, they were able to re-configure the layout to their lifestyle, with a spacious kitchen diner becoming the hub of the home.

A visit to McCarron & Co's Knightsbridge showroom revealed a design which would not only fit into the space, but matched their style, too. 'The minute we saw the combination of walnut cabinetry incorporating Wolf, Sub-Zero and Miele appliances, we knew it was exactly what we were looking for,' says Silvana.

A zoned layout makes for a practical space for the everyday, as well as for entertaining. 'We love cooking for ourselves and entertaining friends,' Paul says. 'The divided sections of cooking and refrigeration with a working island inbetween, as well as a dining and media area, provides us with everything we need - maximum functionality without having to compromise on design.'

Large appliances create their own contemporary focal points among the ample cabinetry, designed to cater for all the family. 'We looked at everything we had in our old kitchen and sectioned off where it would all go - from food to crockery, glassware, electrical gadgets and items we don't use on a regular basis,' explains Silvana. 'The layout and design of the kitchen enables us to store all of those things and more, including the children's school books, our coats, shoes and bags so they are visible and easily accessible too.' The result is a timeless design which caters very personally to the family's needs and their style, both now and in the future too. **EKBB**



‘The island was super important for us – as a family we share breakfast together and also eat there in the evenings during the week’



LIGHT WORK

The two glazed roof lanterns were carefully lined up with the bespoke extractor above the range and positioned neatly in front of the wall cabinet

SWEET SPOT

A drinks cabinet and media unit neatly finish the run of walnut wall units, linking the kitchen to the dining room,

‘Our kitchen is effectively divided by a very long island with two contrasting but complimentary finishes, meaning we have two stunning kitchens in one room’



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PROFILE

Bespoke in-frame cabinetry from McCarron & Co's Modena collection creates a blend of traditional and modern design in painted and natural walnut with granite and mirrored splashbacks creating further contrast. The Caesarstone London Grey quartz worktop brings the scene together.

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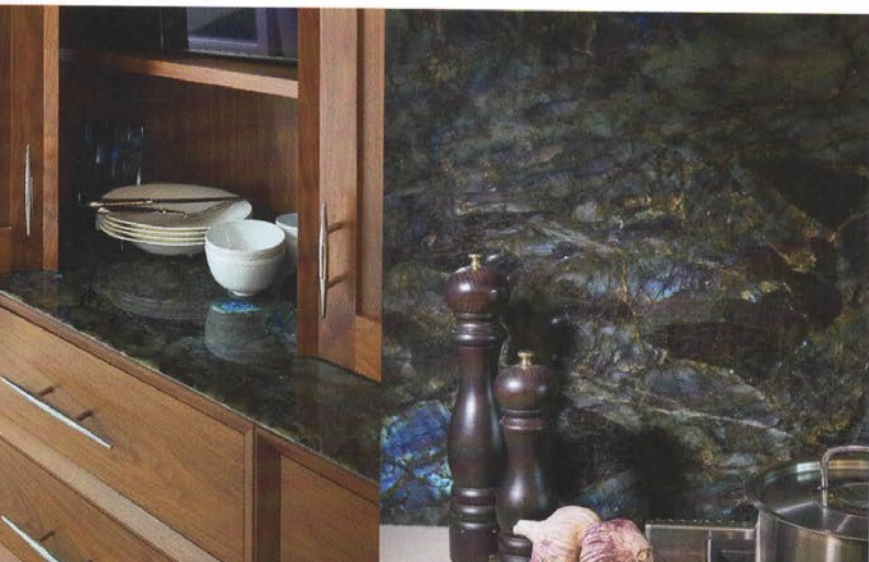
HOT TOPIC

The couple's favourite part of the kitchen is the cooking zone. The Wolf double range has worktops either side and behind on the island, while the Miele oven and coffee machine are positioned at the perfect height





‘We were very nervous about the dining furniture until it arrived and was slotted into place – it was perfect and amazingly comfortable’



Q&A MARK BROOK

CREATIVE DIRECTOR AT
MCCARRON & CO

What was the initial brief from the client? The kitchen had to be multi-functional on many levels, with casual and more formal dining options. The appliance brief was very carefully considered, with practically every possible option of cooking and cooling – a designer’s dream list!

How would you describe the style of the cabinetry you used? For an in-frame, traditional style of furniture, our Modena collection has a subtle nod to a more contemporary aesthetic. The sharp angle detail of the framework plays with the light and shadow. By juxtaposing the whole walnut run of cabinetry it elongates the length of the room and anchors the space creating a rich contrast.

How did the space dictate the design? The entrance position gave a clear indication of the layout from the start. Walking into the house, you get an uninterrupted view right through to the end of the garden. I wanted to keep the cooking zone and sink out of that initial view line.

Can you talk us through the materials you used? The clients very much wanted a wow factor splashback behind the range cooker, and we continued the resulting Madagascar granite to the TV cabinet.

STOCKISTS

APPLIANCES ICBDF-606CG dual fuel range oven, £23,400; Gourmet four-slice toaster, £399, both Wolf. ICBIT-30CIID fridge freezers, £11,640 each; ICBIW-30R wine storage with refrigerator drawers, £11,640, all Sub-zero. DGC 6800X ArtLine XL steam combination oven in Obsidian Black, £4,399; ESW 6214 Gourmet warming drawers, £1,125 each; G 6895 SCVi XXL K2O fully integrated dishwasher XXL, £2,225; CVA 6805 built-in coffee machine in Obsidian Black, £3,295, all Miele. Nordic Round boiling and cold filter tap in Polished Chrome, from £950, Quooker. Bespoke wall mounted stainless steel extractor hood, £POA, Westin.

FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS

Walnut veneer cabinetry from the Modena collection; Caesarstone London Grey quartz worktop; Madagascar granite splashback, all McCarron & Co, kitchen prices start from £35,000. 4866 Oberon 'C' Spout sink mixer tap with rinse in Chrome, £489, Perrin & Rowe. HiRise deck-mount pot filler tap in Polished Stainless Steel, £1,016, Kohler. Kubus KBX 110 70 stainless steel undermounted sink, £504, Franke. Bar stools, dining table, chairs and banquette, all £POA, Ben Whistler Bespoke. Cattelan Kidal chandeliers, from £1,310 each, Chaplins. For stockists see page 158



BRIGHT LIGHTS

Left A mirrored splashback bounces light in the corner and sink zone, with white-painted cabinetry keeping the space bright

GRAND DESIGNS

Below The media unit conceals the television in the dining area, while the bespoke banquette and extendable table makes the most of the dining space in front of folding doors



Get the look

COMPILED BY *Hugh Metcalf*



A GRAND DESIGN

Generously proportioned appliances plus classic marble and walnut finishes give this space a suitable sense of elegance and grandeur.

THE KEY ITEMS

1 Marble and brass urn with handles, £1,049; empire-shaped shade, £534, Besselink & Jones **2** Cut glass decanter, £10, Kitchen Craft **3** La Villette cherry wood dining table, EPOA, Oficina Inglesa **4** Cobalt fruit bowl, £30, Abode Living **5** HR 1956 G 48-inch dual fuel range cooker, £17,999, Miele **6** Munna Polaire counter stool in Royal Blue velvet, £1,628 each, Houseology **7** Lemuiran Blue granite, from £998 per sq. m, Gerald Culliford **8** Esther round crystal chandelier, £990, Sweetpea & Willow.

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