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PROFILE



GRAHAM ROBINSON
DESIGN MANAGER

Graham Robinson is the Design Manager at Haleyon Interiors flagship on London's Wigmore Street. Over the last 20 years he has developed his passion of contemporary design and honed his eye for meticulous detail, allowing him to create practical and current, yet timeless, kitchens.

Designer kitchen

AN ULTRA TACTILE CABINETRY FINISH MIXED WITH UNIQUE DESIGNER PIECES CREATES AN OPEN PLAN KITCHEN FILLED WITH ARTISTIC FLAIR

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UNIQUE BLEND

The all-in-one titanium finish on the island combined with the grey Miele ovens on the bank of units behind creates a monolithic feel in this stunning kitchen

Creating a sociable and ergonomic kitchen with head-turning detail was the main goal for the owners of this double-fronted Victorian house in South London. Designed by Graham Robinson of Halycon Interiors, the kitchen is now a free-flowing space with zones for its owners to dine, relax, work and cook. Graham worked closely with the owners and architect to establish the ideal layout for the new kitchen and decided on the vast statement island and wall units that discreetly hide a host of useful appliances and storage space. 'Sue and Niall wanted a bold look for the kitchen so using the same statement finish in the main kitchen space seemed like a natural solution,' explains Graham. 'Quite uniquely the doors, surface and panels all feature Alno Star Dur in Titanium, which is a textured laminate. We had previously displayed a similar kitchen with this finish at the Grand Designs Show and it proved very popular and I thought it would work particularly well in this open plan kitchen and living area.' To keep the main kitchen area looking streamlined, all the appliances were hidden in the sleek titanium units, except for the handleless grey Miele ovens, which blend into the background.

To add to the sense of unity, a grey and white palette has been used not only for the kitchen cabinetry, but throughout the open plan area and in fixtures such as the metal dining table and bar stools and furnishings such as the living room seats and wall prints. 'We were given plans of the new extension early on and we knew the main kitchen area had to work alongside the dining area on one side, and main living area, which is accessed via a few steps,' says Graham. 'To add a pop of colour to the sober scheme, a vibrant orange painting by Hannah Tilson works its magic above the dining table.' **EKBB**





EYE CATCHING

The stunning dining table is a one-off collaboration by Royal Academy artists Kira Freije and Gabriel Hartley, while the Bonaldo Skoop bar stools came from Italy



COLOUR POP

The open plan space is filled with striking artworks including this vibrant piece entitled 'I'm Loving It' painting by Hannah Tilson

Q&A



ON TREND

A Blanco sink and Dornbracht tap complement the modern feel here



UNDER FOOT

The natural white micro cement flooring was applied by the owners themselves and provides the perfect backdrop to the Alno Star Dur Titanium laminate units

HOW DID YOU GO ABOUT FULFILLING THE BRIEF HERE? *The owners wanted to have a kitchen that works for all types of cooking as Niall is a keen chef and the couple entertain a lot. We quickly came up with the island that features five different cook tops and efficient extraction. Behind is an area for storage, refrigeration and two dishwashers, while semi-hidden is an area for counter top appliances and additional sink, boiling tap and fridge.*

WERE THERE ANY CHALLENGES TO OVERCOME IN THE DESIGN OF THIS SPACE? *It was really important that everything lined up with the light in the ceiling that in turn lined up with the divide in the glass wall.*

HOW DOES THE LIGHTING COMPLEMENT THE SPACE? *As well as recessed spots, the owners wanted to place LED strips in ceiling and floor strips that follow the ceiling step. The strips are all RGB and White channels, and we can mix the colours pretty much infinitely.*

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO CREATE A STATEMENT KITCHEN THAT ALSO FEELS WELCOMING? *Adding texture helps to make the kitchen feel warm and tactile. And while using unique statement art creates an amazing atmosphere, putting useful and decorative items on display in open shelving gives the room a stylish yet homely touch.*

WHAT IS YOUR TOP KITCHEN DESIGN TIP? *When choosing a designer make sure you feel comfortable and they have the same design ethos as yourself as you will be working closely with them for a number of months to ensure the kitchen is perfect for you.*

PROJECT DETAILS

CABINETRY, WORKTOPS AND SPLASHBACK Alnostar Dur Titanium laminate by Alno, Halycon Interiors. Alno kitchen prices start from £30,000
APPLIANCES IGN 1064 built-in freezer, £949; IK2360 built-in fridge, £935, both Liebherr. KU15LA60GB fridge, £529; SX878D26PE integrated dishwasher, £1,159, both Siemens. For similar ovens, H7464BPX ArtLine oven, £2,249; H7440BMX ArtLine combination oven, £2,299; for similar warming drawer, ESW7010 Gourmet warming drawer, £1,099, all Miele. AR442160 remote motor hood, £POA, Gaggenau. PGF30F deep fat fryer, £669; PGF30T-1 Teppan yaki, £1099; PGF30B griddle, £399; PGF32G gas hob, £299; PGF32I-1 induction hob, £679, all Smeg
SINKS AND TAPS Subline 500-IF Steelframe sink, £437, Blanco. Elio single-lever mixer pull out, £701; Elio hot and cold water dispenser in Platinum Matt, £1,875, both Dornbracht
FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS Bonaldo Skoop bar stools, £170 each, Arredatutto
ARTWORK 'I'm Loving It' painting by Hannah Tilson; photos above fireplace by Kasia Wozniak; Sanctuary Skull print by Jacky Tsai; metal dining table with resin top by Royal Academy artists Kira Freije and Gabriel Hartley. **For stockists see page 126**



‘Everything is to hand here for the chef, and the ergonomic island is ideal, allowing up to three people working in the space’

VERSATILE DESIGN

The island is cleverly crafted with useful storage space and features five different cooking tops as well as efficient Gaggenau extraction



LIGHT FANTASTIC

The vast proportions of this room work well with a central chimney breast that effectively breaks up the space and prevents it from feeling cavernous, while the white Corian work surfaces and pale cabinetry from Martin Moore's Architectural collection keep it naturally bright. Prices start from £35,000

‘You can keep the sense of space you get with an open plan layout, but retain distinct areas for different activities’

Sam Hart, designer at Roundhouse



BOLD MOVE

This scheme from Alno by Halcyon with Alnostar Fine matt lacquer furniture in Graphite and Alnostar Dur textured laminate in Lava Grey on the island, features a central structure with a fireplace separating the living and kitchen spaces. Priced from £30,000