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Luxury brass finishes combine with striking copper-veined surfaces and timeless in-frame cabinetry to bring elegance and warmth to this family home >

Words Louise O'Bryan

The FACTS

Who? Anna and Frank Coplestone and their two children

What? The kitchen is part of a large extension

Where? Hadley Wood, Barnet

Cost? A similar kitchen would cost around £90,000



The Neolith Calacatta Luxe porcelain splashback is elevated by the other warming elements around the room, such as the brass extractor hood, gold pendant lights and cabinetry handles. Prime extractor hood, Westin.

The kitchen cabinetry – spray-lacquered in Farrow & Ball’s School House White – features an internal finish of dark oak effect. Kitchens by The Wood Works start at £40,000. The pendant lights are from the Libra Urban Botanic Collection at Olivia’s; wall lights in the splashback are Versailles 250 in Matt Gold by Astro.

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Rich McGarry, head of design at The Wood Works, was approached to work on this kitchen space – part of a large-scale renovation project – he was fortunate to be presented with a spacious open-plan layout that had generous dimensions. “When it came to planning the new space with the family, we took time to understand their key points so we could bring together a coherent design that was aesthetically pleasing and practical,” explains Rich, who designed an L-shape layout that provides straightforward access between the main elements and around the generously sized island. “In this case, the owners were keen for a modern kitchen that featured some drama, but also wanted details that would soften the overall look and add a touch of homeliness to the large room.”

As the central hub of the home, this open-plan space sees plenty of family action and the owners were keen to keep the worktops free of clutter by incorporating a walk-in pantry, where everyday essentials could be squirreled away. With some clever planning and exquisite joinery, a secondary kitchen was concealed behind secret doors within the bank of floor-to-ceiling cabinets, ensuring a clean, streamlined finish. Another hidden pantry cupboard was included at the other end of the kitchen, featuring sleek pocket doors that retract into the walls. This creates a perfect breakfast area that can be quickly concealed and out of sight.

When it came to the look and style of the kitchen, the dramatic porcelain splashback was chosen as a glamorous centrepiece, and the space’s design evolved around this attention-grabbing material. “The Neolith Calacatta Luxe is an innovative faux porcelain and we could be confident of the patterning; a luxury you can’t enjoy with real marble,” explains Rich. “Because of this, we were able to demonstrate what the standout splashback would look like before it was installed, which really helped the owners to pull the rest of the kitchen’s elements together.”

The dramatic spiders-web of glittering copper veins behind the hob sets the tone and is heightened by the brass knurled handles on the elegant in-frame cabinetry, a gold Quooker tap and chic reeded glass wall lights that lend a subtle period feel. However, the brass-clad extractor is the real show-topping element of the design. “The owners fell in love with a similar Westin Prime built-in extractor hood in our showroom,” says Rich. “With a few small tweaks we were able to tailor the hood to suit this space, housing it in a brushed brass-effect surround that ties in perfectly with the other brass elements around the room.”

Continuing the warm and uplifting palette, the owners opted for an oak-effect porcelain tile that’s chic, practical and hardwearing, all aspects high on the family’s priority list. “Every element of this modern kitchen has been designed to provide a functional working space, yet also offer a visually appealing aesthetic that instantly grabs attention,” says Rich. “Any harsh contemporary edges, like the slimline induction hob, have been softened with warming details that ensure this practical cooking zone feels homely and fits perfectly into the relaxed family living space.”

As well as these winning design touches and the overall cohesiveness, this kitchen’s success also lies in the planning of the project, something Rich feels strongly about. “We have a lot of clients who contact us quite late in the renovation process; the design can then be a necessity, and decisions are rushed. At the point you apply for planning permission is the right time to start your kitchen journey, which is what happened with this project, giving us plenty of time and space to get the layout and design just right. Once you have made your decisions on the kitchen, it can help with other areas of the build. Plus, the later in the process you start looking at the kitchen, other areas will demand your attention and may distract you from making the right choices in this important space. Start early and get the kitchen ticked off that long renovation list.” >

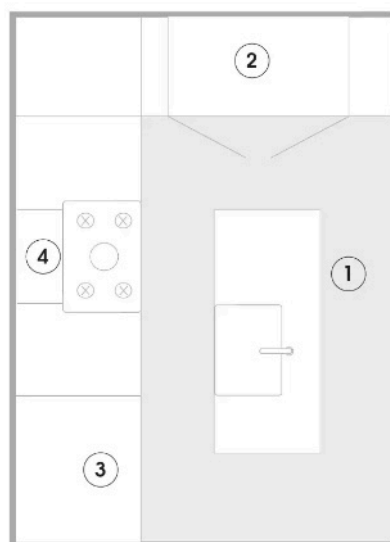
The PLANS

1 A large island visually separates the cooking area from the dining zone beyond.

2 Concealed behind the row of floor-to-ceiling cabinets is a walk-in pantry for everyday essentials.

3 Disappearing doors fold back to reveal a convenient bar area for entertaining.

4 An induction hob is positioned opposite the sink and is flanked by twin ovens for symmetry.



Sourcebook

Kitchen The Wood Works
thewoodworks.com

Extractor hood Westin
westin.co.uk

Oven and hob Gaggenau
gaggenau.com

Cabinetry handles Armac Martin
armacmartin.co.uk

Tap Quooker quooker.co.uk

Sink Blanco blanco.com

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The floor-to-ceiling cabinetry provides ample storage space. Sparkbrook cabinet handles add a hint of glitz, by Armac Martin.



James Rayner of Westin's WORDS OF WISDOM

- Think about extraction as early in the process as possible. Extraction can be seen as an afterthought, but giving this attention early and talking to either your kitchen designer or a manufacturer, such as Westin, about how you like to cook and use your kitchen could save you a headache down the line.
- Westin doesn't just sell a cooker hood. Through a consultation process, we will select a hood that will work perfectly in harmony with the most important factors: how you like to cook and how you plan to use the kitchen.
- The Westin Prime built-in hood specified by The Wood Works is incredibly versatile with features, power and sizes perfect for any built-in application. This model is the standard Prime, ideal for cooking over an induction hob as in this beautiful kitchen, but the range also includes a slimline version for shallower units.

The sophisticated oak-effect internal finish is revealed at the breakfast cupboard, where retracting doors slide back to the wall to avoid any obstructions.



Identical Gaggenau ovens either side of the hob area visually break up the cabinetry run and keep the tall units from feeling too heavy. The flooring is from Inner Space.



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