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CITRINE GREEN!"*



THE BACKGROUND

A 1970s extension was demolished and three rooms were knocked into one to create this generous and airy open-plan family space for Rebecca Lawson, an award-winning blogger and author of the book *Scandi Rustic*.

Becca knew she wanted a simple colour palette, plenty of storage, including a hidden pantry, and a multi-purpose kitchen island. She approached Shehyar Khan, owner and head designer of Sheraton Interiors, to turn a detailed and informative brief into a stunning reality.

"It has realised everything and more, in terms of a soft Scandi-inspired space," Becca explains. "The new space has changed the way we live as a family, allowing us to spend lots of time together. We couldn't love it more."

SCANDI COOL

A clear, minimalist vision has helped Scandi fan Rebecca Lawson and her husband Gareth to transform a traditional 1930s semi-detached house into a light-filled and modern family home

Words **Ben Webb** Photography: **Nick Smith**

THE COLOUR PALETTE

The Scandi theme was created with a minimalist colour palette, which included white, the organic tones of marble and a blend of both painted and natural wood. Creating a uniform look for the natural wood was a serious challenge because it is so variable.

"There were a few touch-and-go moments getting the wood stain just the right shade of pale oak," recalls designer Shehyar, "but it provides a beautiful contrast against the painted wood, the Carrara marble and the microcement floors, while also incorporating warm tones and helping achieve a sense of balance."



The FACTS

Who? Rebecca and her husband Gareth Lawson, plus their three children: Niall, 13, Jonah, 10 and Jenson, seven

What? Design, supply and installation of a kitchen

Where? North London

Cost? Around £30,000

Time? 12 months

THE DESIGN

By knocking down the old extension and several internal walls, the renovation has created an impressive living space, complete with a multi-functional island, which is now the perfect place to cook, eat and do homework. "It has also created a great new flow between the house and the garden," says Becca, happily. >

THE WORKTOP

Becca chose Nile Carrara marble for the worktop and splashback because she wanted a natural stone that combines good looks and durability. Each slab is unique, which adds a timeless, classic appeal to the kitchen design. "I had a very clear idea of what I wanted having spent several years planning during Covid delays," says Becca. "I had lots of Pinterest boards and used Instagram for inspiration as well."



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THE MATERIALS

The limited colour palette of whites, off-whites, charcoal and brown has helped to create a calm and relaxed space, which features microcement flooring. The natural texture of wood and the use of the striking gold tap and handles adds necessary warmth and interest to the minimalist design.



THE HIDDEN PANTRY

A hidden pantry and concealed entrance to the utility room ensures the space remains uncluttered. Both are behind the floor-to-ceiling tongue-and-groove cupboards. It's a great feature that helps really Becca to keep the kitchen tidy. The cupboard has bi-fold doors so that the space between the pantry and the island is usable. "The attention to detail is such that we grain-matched the panelling vertically from floor to ceiling," explains Shehyrar.

SLIMLINE UNITS

The kitchen was handmade in the UK using local and responsibly sourced materials to keep the carbon footprint as low as possible. "I wanted a slimline, contemporary take on Shaker design and so we used an 18mm stile instead of the traditional 40mm one," explains Becca. >





THE DETAILS

The vertical tongue-and-groove oak wall conceals a pantry and the door to the utility room. The natural wood provides a beautiful contrast – and balance – to the painted wood, Carrara marble and pale, microcement floors.

DESIGN EDIT

- 1 Lena marble cake stand, £65, Sazy. sazy.com
- 2 Dana modern glass pendant light, £39, Cult Furniture. cultfurniture.com
- 3 Gold chunky skyscraper knurled handle, £64.99, Dowsing & Reynolds. dowsingandreynolds.com
- 4 Malmo White Bud Vase, £9, ProCook. procook.co.uk
- 5 Chester pure white double larder, £1399, Cotswold. cotswoldco.com



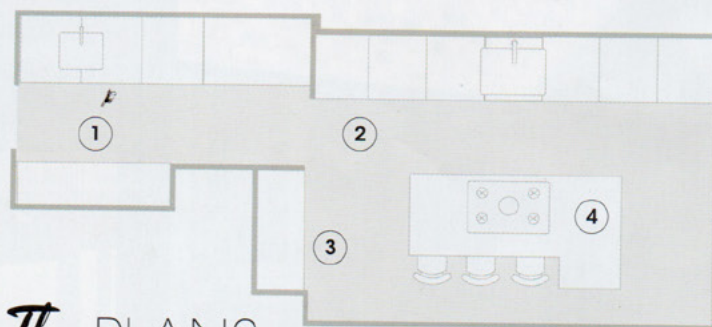


SOURCEBOOK

- Kitchen** Sheraton Interiors sheratoninteriors.co.uk
 - Countertop** The Marble Group themarblegroup.co.uk
 - Flooring** Festfloor microcement www.festfloor.eu
 - Tap** Zip tap zipwater.co.uk
 - Handles** Corston corston.com
 - Pendant light** Louis Poulsen louispoulsen.com
 - Sink in utility room** Smeg smeguk.com
 - Appliances** Hob, oven and fridge Smeg smeguk.com
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LAUNDRY ROOM

The pale colours used in the kitchen flow through to the utility, where the striking gold taps and handles, plus the Carrara marble add colour and texture. This area features a second sink, bench seating and plenty of baskets for sorting the laundry.



The PLANS

Becca worked with Sheraton Interiors to create a roomy and open-plan space that's perfect for the whole family

- 1 Utility room** The washing area is hidden from the open-plan kitchen and dining room by floor-to-ceiling wood walls.
- 2 Fridge** The Smeg integrated fridge starts the run of cabinets along the side wall.
- 3 Larder** The concealed pantry has a toaster and espresso machine and offers a useful breakfast station.
- 4 Island** The breakfast bar is a popular spot and gets lots of use. **KBB**