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This month we've asked some top kitchen designers to help three homeowners with very different briefs to visualise their dream spaces and bring their ideas to life

Words: **Sally Smith**



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to discover the design stories behind these three kitchens and see what the homeowners think of the results...



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MEET THE DESIGNER

Shehryar Khan is the owner of Sheraton Interiors with more than 20 years' experience. He won Kitchen Designer of the Year (up to £30k) in the KBBreview awards 2022.

THE SOLUTION

“I wanted to create a calming and streamlined kitchen for Richard and Karen to be able to relax in. I decided on a neutral colour palette choosing Farrow & Ball Strong White for Shaker-style cabinetry from the Sheraton Classic collection, complemented by Borrowed Light on the island to tie in with the coastal look the couple were keen to create. The white quartz worktop has subtle grey veining that provides colour and texture – I felt a darker surface would be too heavy. I know Karen was keen to have a range cooker if possible, so I chose a white Ilve appliance with brass trim as it works well with the handles on the cabinetry, turning it into a stunning feature. There is limited floor area available for the island, so I opted for a freestanding design, which makes the island look like a piece of furniture and gives you a sense of space. The wood chopping block is not only practical but adds some warm tones. Plus, I managed to squeeze in a bespoke eight-bottle oak wine rack by the window. Finally, the glass-fronted wall display units either side of the extractor hood are the ideal space to store wine glasses and crockery.”

KAREN HALL & RICHARD CARTER, SHERATON INTERIORS, £40K

The client

TV camera operator Karen Hall, 36, sales manager Richard Carter, 33, and their rescue dog Jasper have lived in their 1980s three-storey town house in Hertfordshire for six years. They would like to move the kitchen to the front of the property to completely transform their living area.

The space

Removing the internal wall to the hallway will extend the kitchen by 2.2m and include the understairs cupboard into the new layout. The double-sized opening with sliding pocket doors between the dining space and living room will give an open feel, but could be wider to maximise the light.

THE WISHLIST

- 1 The couple want the space to feel bright and modern, combining neutral tones with a coastal feel. They prefer handleless cabinets in a matt finish that will complement laminate flooring throughout the ground floor and like the idea of a stylish vertical radiator.
- 2 Karen would like a range cooker, but is open to a gas hob and a built-in oven. An integrated microwave is high on the list along with plenty of work surfaces as well as a large American-style fridge-freezer.
- 3 An island is key to the couple's new kitchen layout. They'd ideally like it to feature barstools if there is enough floor area, as well as pendant lights above. Karen and Richard love red wine, so a stylish storage rack rather than a chilled bottle cabinet would be perfect.



THE COSTS

Furniture	£76,634
Worktop	£3650
Appliances, sink & tap	£9567
Installation	£3399

TOTAL £38,665.54

*Weathered oak counter stool, £295, Cox & Cox, coxandcox.co.uk

THE MOODBOARD



Heritage Series 100cm electric triple oven with induction top, £5999, Bertazzoni, uk.bertazzoni.com

Aged Copper pure matt paint, £27 for 1 litre, Fenwick & Tilbrook, fenwickandtilbrook.com





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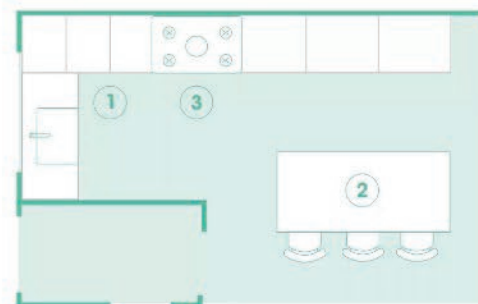
SOURCEBOOK

Kitchen Sheraton Interiors, 020 8894 5650
sheratoninteriors.co.uk

Appliances Neff neff-home.com; Fisher & Paykel fisherandpaykel.com; Ilve ilve.co.uk

Worktop Silestone silestone.co.uk

Sink Caple caple.co.uk



The PLANS

1 Layout Designing the kitchen in an L-shape means everything is close to hand and the couple have plenty of room to move around.

2 The Island This slimline unit incorporates two standard base units and a pull-out bin within easy reach of the cooking area.

3 Extraction A cleverly hidden built-in extraction unit above the range cooker makes this a focal point and adds interest to a run of wall cabinets.

Richard says:

“This design has given us lots more natural light. The white cabinetry and glass wall units add to the spacious feel, and the island gives us an extra area to prepare, eat and socialise. I think we would prefer a built-in wine rack, though. We would like to add more wood and natural textures to enhance the coastal feel, maybe in warmer tones. Although we love the look of the range cooker, a smaller oven would be more practical and we’d gain more storage, which is a priority. There isn’t a washer dryer so we’d have to rethink the layout to account for that. We’re really impressed with the designer’s ideas.”

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