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PERFECTLY PLANNED

By thinking creatively, Alice and John Turner reinvented their kitchen to make it work effortlessly for cooking, entertaining and relaxing

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PROJECT DETAILS

OWNERS Alice and John Turner

HOUSE A five-bedroom detached home in Cumbria

WORK Redesign of an existing kitchen to create a spacious kitchen-diner with

IN GOOD COMPANY

Thanks to new generous walkways and a table that can seat up to six people, the kitchen is now a much more sociable space.

Bespoke cabinets, £30,000; bespoke table, £1,970, all Carvetii Interiors. Cabinets in Prussian elite emulsion; tall units in Mushroom elite emulsion, both £51 for 2.5ltr, Zoffany at Designer Paint. Octo pendant light in walnut, £675, David Lighting Village



Having enjoyed their small holiday home in Cumbria for a number of years, Alice and John Turner finally decided to upgrade to a bigger property with the intention of retiring there from West Yorkshire. When they viewed a five-bedroom house near Lake Windermere, they knew they had found what they were looking for. However, the kitchen was in need of attention. 'The layout didn't work well and nothing flowed,' says Alice. 'We also wanted to incorporate a seating area that made the most of the garden views.'

THE BRIEF

When the couple spotted the work of local design company Carvetii Interiors in a magazine, they visited its showroom where they met designer Roy Sweetman. 'We immediately felt he was someone we would enjoy working with,' says Alice. He understood that the modern but relaxed kitchen-diner the couple wanted would require copious storage, generous walkways and clear lines of sight. The Turners also wanted to address the kitchen's poor layout and electric underfloor heating, which struggled to warm the large room in winter.

DESIGN SOLUTIONS

To shift the focus of the kitchen from the small garden at the back to the main garden at the front, Carvetii Interiors created plans for a 3x5m front extension with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors. The island now houses storage alongside two integrated freezers, a double bin next to the prep sink and an induction hob. The choice of a downdraught extractor, which is concealed in the island when not in use, removed the need for an industrial hood that would have interrupted the garden views. Wet underfloor heating, which works well in larger spaces and is energy efficient, was also installed, while a full-height larder fridge, ovens and a microwave were housed in the cabinets opposite the island.

MATERIALS USED

A key component of the design was the inspired mix of painted cabinets and sawn cut eucalyptus veneer on the oven housing, which brings warmth to the pared-back scheme. The engineered wood flooring works well with underfloor heating, while the hard-wearing quartz worktop is scratch- and heat-resistant and doesn't require resealing.

FINISHING TOUCHES

As John and Alice enjoy relaxing with a coffee after walking the dogs, Roy suggested a special hot drinks cabinet with pocket doors that would slide neatly away when open. The cabinet's interior includes sockets for the coffee machine, with drawers for cups and saucers, and a coffee pod organiser.

LESSONS LEARNT

'Working with a design team has helped us make the most of the space,' says Alice. 'From a practical perspective, it all works really well. I'm not confident we would have achieved this final look without professional input.' 25



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS
Key to the clean, modern look Alice and John wanted is ample storage, which included this wide cabinet with handy door racks (above).

ALL IN THE MIX

The new extension created space for a comfortable seating area, which overlooks the garden. Mixing the finishes of the cabinetry gave a bespoke look. The unit with the banked ovens is made from sawn-cut eucalyptus veneer.

Silestone Eternal Calacatta Gold **worktops**, £671sq m, Cumbria Granite. For a similar **veneer**, try Sawn smoked figured eucalyptus veneer, Reliance Veneer Co. Flex **tap**, £1,280, Quooker. Franke Kubus **sink** KBX 160 55-20, £800, Swift Electrical. Silver induction **hob** EX879FVC1E, £972, Siemens. Under-mounted integrated **freezer** SUIGN 1554, £970, Liebherr. Built-in single **oven** HB678GBS6B, £1,290; built-in **microwave** CF634AGS1B, £870; built-in **oven** with steam function HS658GES6B, £1,730; built-in **warming drawer** BI630CNS1B, £555, all Siemens



