


‘We wanted bold, not bland’

Looking for a kitchen that packs a punch? The Sutcliffes swapped their awkward U-shaped room with dated green units for this big, beautiful space full of design details



RETRO HANDLES
Walnut bar handles give the kitchen a mid-century feel

BEFORE



Welcome to my home

Fern Sutcliffe lives here with her husband Paul and their children, Oscar, five, and Esme, four.

THE PROPERTY

A three-bedroom Victorian terrace in Beckenham, southeast London.

WHAT IT COST

Units.....	£7,022
Worktops.....	£646
Sink and tap.....	£650
Appliances.....	£4,500
Tiles.....	£300
Flooring.....	£1,500
TOTAL.....	£14,618

“Top of my wish list was an island with a breakfast bar, as well as enough space for a large table”

By knocking through the kitchen and dining room, and extending to the side and rear, the couple created a large family friendly space, with a hint of retro cool

Shaker units, from £228 for a W600mm unit, Linda Barker range; Mia handles, £16 each; all Wren Kitchens

HOW FERN AND PAUL DID IT

'We lived with our old U-shaped kitchen for eight years before deciding it was time to create a modern, family friendly kitchen that would suit us better. The old one lacked light because the window was tiny, and the adjoining dining space was so draughty, we rarely had meals there. Top of my wish list was an island with a breakfast bar, as well as room for a large dining table. The new space had to be tough enough to withstand

the rigours of a young family. Berry Construction started building work on an extension with bifold doors and two roof lanterns in July 2015. We had the floor and splashbacks laid for about £1,650. The units, designed by Wren Kitchens, were installed in the October for about £2,500 and the whole project was completed by December. We made do with a temporary kitchen in the living room during the build.'

BELOW The couple ramped up the colour with an aubergine island unit and yellow patterned tiles to contrast with the elegant grey units

Ottoman tiles, £250 per sq m, Original Style range, Rovic Tiles. Built-in oven, £639; built-in microwave, £599; both Siemens range, John Lewis. Grey oak matt worktop, £150 per m, Wren Kitchens



COLOUR-POP ISLAND UNIT
The bold island is the heart of the new space – the perfect place for a little cooking theatre

FEATURE CAROLINE FOSTER STYLING DILLY ORME
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Having the hob in the island means sociable chefs can cook and chat

For a similar cooker hood, try the LC77WA532B, £349, Siemens range, John Lewis

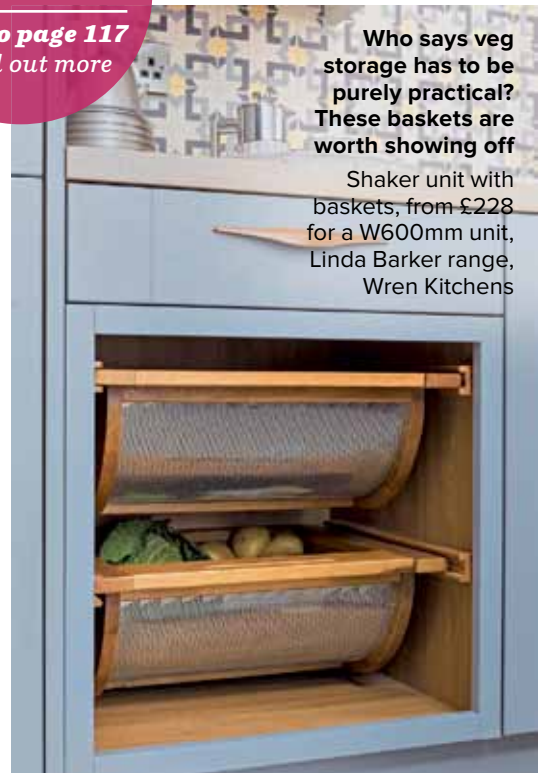


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THE ISLAND
COOKER HOOD?

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Who says veg storage has to be purely practical? These baskets are worth showing off

Shaker unit with baskets, from £228 for a W600mm unit, Linda Barker range, Wren Kitchens



ABOVE From the mid-century-inspired table to the Eames-style chairs, the dining furniture is a Fifties-fest of warm wood and subtle pastels that matches the units and tiles

Ebbe Gehl dining table, £899; bench, £399; both John Lewis. Eames-style chairs, £59 each, Cult Furniture



WHAT WE LEARNED

“A contingency fund is essential – we discovered that things always take longer and cost more than you expect. We also learned to be braver in our choices – it’s worth it to create a kitchen that stands out from the crowd”