

CREATIVE COLLABORATION

Two designers joined forces to create this chic kitchen,
with entertaining high on the owners' wishlist



Situated in landscaped gardens this five-bedroomed home in Essex is complete with a large indoor swimming pool and a leisure complex. The owners, a family who love entertaining, felt their home was crying out for a makeover. They called in Mark Howorth, interior designer and MD of Callender Howorth to work his magic.

Mark says, "The family wanted to update the interiors to create a modern,

open-plan home that was great for entertaining. With stunning views across the Thames Estuary this home is made for entertaining."

As the original kitchen was completely ripped out Mark started with a blank canvas. He worked alongside Giorgia Vainutyte, kitchen designer at Holloways of Ludlow's Sheen Lane Design Studio to create a contemporary kitchen with a sassy twist fit for party seasons.

Unlike the previous kitchen the new kitchen had to last. Mark says, "We wanted the design to be as timeless as possible. It needed to stand the test of time so we focused on clean non-fussy lines and excellent top quality materials." Giorgia took this into account – the cabinetry and island are finished with beautiful book-matched Alpi Maple birds eye veneer finished with high-gloss lacquer. Contrasting cabinetry finished with Ash White paint completes the look.

The stand out feature in the kitchen is the island and at over four metres in length, it has great impact. Designed with entertaining in mind there is ample space where guests can sit and watch the cook at work on the slick, circular, Teppan Plate Hob. However, with such a large island came a challenge. Giorgia says, "The four-metre island could not be made without a joint line, so to get around this we suggested using an interesting feature detail. A strip of LED lighting extends

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ADVICE FROM THE DESIGNER

"If your kitchen is spacious and light, you have a fantastic opportunity to show off a beautiful texture or material. I suggest exploring interesting bespoke kitchen finishes and using it on the wall, which is most visual to show it off. Then make the rest of the cabinetry a more neutral palate to complement it."

Giorgia Vainutyte, kitchen designer, Holloways of Ludlow, Sheen Lane Design Studio

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To either side of the tall units, in which the ovens and coffee machine are integrated, are symmetrical tall units with pocket doors. These fold back revealing an entertaining cabinet. It's positioned next to the wine fridge and has room for glasses and drinks, plus there's a breakfast cabinet which houses

a microwave, toaster and crockery. Ideal for entertaining, the pocket doors allow for all of this to be hidden away when not in use. The black glass tambour doors ensure the family's juicer and mixer are also concealed and when closed the Ash White finish of the pocket doors provides a striking contrast against the darker wood veneer.

With the addition of some finishing touches by Mark, such as the stunning dining table and large bespoke light

shade, the kitchen was complete. Giorgia is happy with the result saying, "The family are happy with the space and kitchen layout, especially the entertaining area. I am pleased with the striking symmetry that was created using the veneer around the bank of Miele appliances, and find the entertaining and breakfast cabinets behind the pocket doors are practical." Mark concludes, "The finished interior is slick, sassy and modern." It is a space that both family and guests can enjoy. ●

DETAILS

Bespoke kitchen finished with matt lacquer Alpi Maple birds eye veneer and cabinetry painted in Dulux Ash White designed by Giorgia Vainutyte, kitchen designer, Holloways of Ludlow, Sheen Lane Design Studio
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