



Nicki and John's detached home in Northumberland

KITCHEN FILE

Owners

Nicki and John Trewitt, one-year-old Jack and John's daughter Lucy, 13

Property

Detached house in Northumberland

Design

Martin Scarth, Broomley Furniture Makers, West Broomley Farm, Stocksfield, Northumberland NE43 7HR (01434 862226)

DETAILS

Worksurfaces

Emerald pearl granite, £376 per linear m

Flooring

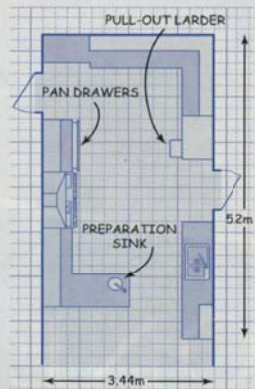
Birch London, £49.50 per sq m, Kährs Flooring

Appliances

150cm cooker, from £4500 Britannia; extractor, £1751, WS Westin; microwave, £205, larder fridge, £370, both AEG; D1996 dishwasher, around £725, ASKO

Sink and taps

Icerock sink, £197, Jacob Delafon; Mimas taps in chrome, £190, Atriflo



PRICE GUIDE

c. £12,000

Broomley starting price



CLEAN CUT

Nicki and John Trehwitt didn't intend to radically alter their kitchen, until they realised its potential...



Bespoke units in maple and bird's eye maple, blond wood flooring, dark granite and stainless steel combine to create a contemporary look in Nicki and John's new kitchen



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1 The preparation peninsula with sink and waste chute separates the working area of the kitchen from the sitting area, and is positioned to make the most of the wonderful countryside views

2 The Trewhitts have regular weekend house parties, so Nicki was keen to have a cooker that could handle large-scale entertaining. Martin had the extractor hood specially made



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When Nicki and John Trewhitt started planning a new-look kitchen, they initially wanted to swap the existing unit doors for a plain, simple design. But plan A was abandoned when John called in Martin Scarth of Broomley Furniture Makers to discuss the possibilities. 'Martin didn't try to sell us a kitchen and I think if he had, we probably wouldn't have gone for it,' admits Nicki. 'He just said he could replace the doors, but then John said, "Feel free to sell me a kitchen!" and I thought, "Oh good!"'

Since Nicki and John married, they have worked their way through their large house, making the most of the naturally light, open spaces with neutral colour schemes. The kitchen was the last room on their list, its ceramic tiled floor and elaborate curtains at odds with the calm, contemporary style of the rest of the house.

Once he had examined its possibilities, Martin went for elegant maple-framed cabinets with bird's eye maple panels, dark granite and chic stainless steel. Extra-tall wall cupboards are teamed with open box shelving and



3 Nicki, John and toddler Jack in their new kitchen

4 Deep pull-out pan drawers are positioned within easy reach of the range cooker

5 The 150cm stainless steel Britannia cooker has striking good looks that set off the maple units beautifully

6 A section of granite in the preparation peninsula lifts out, so that food trimmings can be swept straight down into the waste chute

7 Jack has his own easy-to-open steel-mesh fronted drawers to store his toys



etched glass doors. Storage has been carefully planned, with everything Nicki needs on a regular basis kept close to the cooker. There are deep pull-out drawers for pans and a tall larder cupboard for tins. The existing large fridge/freezer has been consigned to a store room and a neat under-bench model serves for essentials.

With one-year-old Jack in mind, safety was an important concern. Martin raised the handle on the tall larder unit, so that it was out of Jack's reach, and Nicki has organised the storage so that all heavy and sharp items are stored safely in the higher units. Dispensing with a separate hob meant Martin could create a preparation peninsula at the end of the working area.

For Nicki and John, there are no regrets about opting for radical changes in the kitchen. 'I love the space and the light. It is a wonderful kitchen,' explains Nicki, and John agrees: 'It's made an enormous difference to us and to the house. It's the last room that we have made ours.' Apart from the cupboard under the stairs, that is – and they are now working on that... 