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**BESPOKE CABINETRY**

Glossy lacquered maple frames beautifully grained burr poplar panels by Edwin Loxley in the family's new kitchen. Stainless-steel D handles, sourced by Colliers, complement the wooden cupboards and echo the finish of the appliances

**BREAKFAST BAR**

A round cracked glass table at the end of the island is accompanied by Swallow bar stools, supplied by Colliers

**WORKSURFACES**

Bright red Stellar Eros Silestone worktops add a splash of colour to the room, while a solid maple chopping block on the island adds contrast and echoes the rest of the furniture

TRADITION  
WITH A •  
twist

Maple and burr poplar furniture has been given a modern lacquered look in the Barnes family's welcoming kitchen



## GREAT IDEA

Two single ovens, integrated side by side, are a modern alternative to a range cooker



### COOKING AREA

Suzannah felt that a range would look too bulky, so she chose two single ovens and a gas-on-glass hob, both by Miele. The red Silestone worktop continues as an upstand, which is topped with a border of cracked glass. Above, the toughened glass splashback, supplied by Colliers, has been back-painted with Dulux's Ivory Clouds to match the walls

### TAP AND SINK

The chrome Pilatus PowerStream tap by Franke has a pull-out spray that is useful for washing vegetables at the Bolero sink. A lever at the top allows the flow to be easily controlled



'MY TOP TIP IS TO CHECK THE LAYOUT BY IMAGINING YOURSELF DOING EVERYDAY TASKS, AND DON'T RUSH INTO ANY DECISIONS'



**SUZANNAH AND DAVID BARNES LIVE IN A DETACHED HOUSE IN SURREY**

**WITH THEIR CHILDREN, REBECCA, 24, ADAM, 22, AND SEAN, 20, AND TWO DOGS**

Suzannah Barnes and her husband David knew almost anything was possible when they began thinking about their new kitchen. The couple, who run their own plumbing business, were building their East Grinstead home from scratch and had allocated a generous space for the kitchen. 'We had a blank canvas and it took us a while to find a look we were happy with,' says Suzannah. 'Fortunately, we had plenty of time while the house was built.'

Suzannah trawled through magazines and visited kitchen showrooms to gather ideas but failed to find anything that ticked all her boxes. 'Although it was brand new, the house was traditional in style, so I wanted a modern kitchen with a warm, friendly feel and nothing clinical,' she explains. 'I wanted rounded curves, a big island and up-to-the-minute appliances.'

It was only when she and David visited Colliers in Worthing that the vision really started to take shape, as Suzannah homed in on its pale, glossy maple and burr poplar cabinetry. 'The wood gave the warm, classic feel I was after and the soft corners and lacquered finish were very appealing,' she says.

The couple talked over their requirements with designer Jason Collier, who then drew up plans for a central island flanked by a combination of curved wood and painted units. 'Jason really understood what we were after and we loved his ideas as soon as we saw them,' smiles Suzannah.

Jason suggested integrating appliances, so that they wouldn't divert attention from the cabinetry's smooth, ▶



### HAND-PAINTED CUPBOARDS

Some of the units have been painted in Gardenia by Dulux to break up the run of honey-toned wooden furniture

### CURVED CABINETRY

Two rounded wall cupboards flank the cooking zone and echo the curvy drum cupboard opposite

### BUILT-UNDER COOLING

A 38-bottle Miele wine cooler has been integrated within the island and boasts two temperature zones, so red and white wines can be stored alongside each other

### FLOOR TILES

The travertine flooring from Topps Tiles is underheated to keep Suzannah's kitchen at a comfortable temperature

‘OUR DOGS LOVE THE STABLE-STYLE DOOR. IT CONNECTS TO THE UTILITY, WHERE THEY’RE KEPT, SO THEY CAN SEE AND HEAR US IN THE KITCHEN’



elegant lines and the delicate patterning of the wood. Suzannah’s wish list, which included two built-in ovens, a combination microwave, coffee machine and plenty of fridge space, was compiled with maximum flexibility in mind. ‘Sometimes there’s just David and me, and other times, it’s more like feeding an army!’ she laughs. ‘The boys use the microwave, too, because they can quickly heat up something for themselves.’

For ease of use, Suzannah settled on mainly Miele appliances but struggled when it came to choosing an extractor. She was concerned that any structure above the hob would spoil the effect of the flanking wall cabinets. Fortunately, Jason came to the rescue, sourcing a powerful extractor that could be set into the ceiling. ‘Even though it’s high up, it’s really effective,’ says Suzannah.

With decisions taken on the furniture and appliances, Suzannah turned her attention to the worksurfaces. ‘The room was going to be fairly neutral, but I didn’t want it to end up looking bland,’ she recalls. After much research, Suzannah opted for bold scarlet composite worktops with a semi-opaque cracked glass table at the end of the island. ‘Red might not be everyone’s choice but it looks fantastic and we love it,’ says Suzannah. ‘We don’t intend to move for a long time, so we decided to go for exactly what we wanted.’

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#### FOOD STORAGE

Two tall **larder cupboards** help Suzannah keep most of her dry goods in one area. Each features racks inside the doors and ventilation at the top

#### CONVENIENT COOLING

A Maytag **Trilogy three-door American fridge freezer** stores the family’s large chilled items



**PRICE GUIDE**  
Starting price  
**£15,000**  
for a  
Colliers  
kitchen

## THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

### DESIGN & CABINETS

- Jason Collier at **Colliers**, 28 Teville Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN11 1UG (01903 210101) [www.colliers.uk.com](http://www.colliers.uk.com)
- Bespoke lacquered maple and burr poplar furniture with hand-painted tulipwood units by Edwin Loxley



### WORKTOPS

- Stellar Eros Silestone. Price per sq m **£600**
- Cracked glass. Price per sq m, approx **£1,500**
- Solid maple. Total cost **£1,000**

### FLOORING

- Premium Stone Travertine floor tiles in Anatolian Ivory, Topps Tiles. Price per sq m, approx **£47**

### SINK & TAP

- BOX160D Bolero undermounted one-and-a-half-bowl sink in Silk Steel, Franke **£511**
- Pilatus PowerStream top-lever monobloc mixer tap in chrome with pull-out spray, Franke **£291**



### APPLIANCES (shown)

- 2 x H5460B built-in single ovens, Miele, each **£1,351**
- H5040BM built-in combination microwave, Miele **£1,425**
- KM391G five-burner gas-on-glass hob, Miele **£1,198**
- Campo II EM05 extractor hood, Blanco by Gutmann **£3,301**
- CVA5060 built-in coffee machine, Miele **£1,997**
- ESW5080-29 built-in warming drawer, Miele **£810**

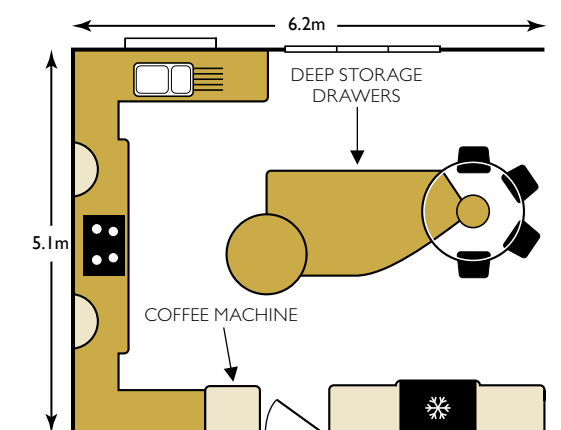
- SOV028TB Trilogy integrated American fridge freezer, Maytag **£1,737**
- KWT4154UG-1 integrated wine cooler, Miele **£1,283**

### APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated fridge, Miele **£575**
- Fully integrated dishwasher, Miele **£1,058**



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#### APPLIANCE TOWER

An attractive wooden unit with soft, rounded corners minimises the visual impact of the Miele coffee machine, combination microwave and warming drawer. ‘The coffee machine was my best buy,’ smiles Suzannah. ‘It’s heaven! We can enjoy hot chocolate or milk as well as different types of coffee’

#### GLASS WORKSURFACE

Suzannah spotted a small sample of the cracked glass in Colliers’s showroom and felt it would be perfect for the breakfast bar. It creates a distinctive feature and is tough and practical



**BK loves**

...the family’s cracked glass breakfast bar, which is made by sandwiching a layer of fractured glass between two pieces of toughened glass