



# HOMES & GARDENS

## DECORATE WITH PASSION

DESIGN IDEAS WITH IMPACT  
ELEGANT HOUSES REINVENTED & RECONFIGURED  
CREATE THE PERFECT KITCHEN PANTRY  
INSPIRATION FOR A DREAMY WILDLIFE GARDEN



## DESIGN

**DESIGNER** Cat Dal, Cat Dal Interiors, 020 7485 4646, catdalinteriors.com.  
**THE PROPERTY** A four-bedroom Fifties terraced mews house in west London.  
**DESIGN BRIEF** To create a warm and functional family kitchen using natural materials and playful touches.  
**DIMENSIONS** 8x6m (in open-plan space)

### LAYOUT

This room is on the first floor of a four-storey mews. 'We gutted the property and rearranged the layout, creating space for this open-plan kitchen and living area,' says Cat. 'The priority was to accommodate a three-metre dining table, plus plenty of storage.' A long counter across the width of the room allowed ample space for the remaining living area.

### CABINETS

Cat designed Shaker-style cabinets in conjunction with Farnham Furnishers, and had them painted in Pigeon by Farrow & Ball to tone with the mint green flooring. Small appliances are concealed behind sliding doors, while bespoke walnut drawers house oils and spices as well as tableware.

### APPLIANCES

Designed for both family living and entertaining, the kitchen has two integrated, ultra-quiet dishwashers, a steam oven and a combination oven. There is also a warming drawer and two fridges. 'I suggested the clients attend a lunch hosted by Miele, where they could see and test the appliances in a domestic setting,' says Cat.

### SURFACES

Gentle greys complement the units and floor tiles. 'A Corian worktop is combined with bevelled marble wall tiles for a contemporary, textured look,' says Cat, while brass handles and shelf brackets lift the scheme and add soft industrial elements. 'We also



"CONTRASTS BRING A SENSE OF DEPTH - WARM WOOD AND VEINED MARBLE BLEND WITH PAINT FINISHES AND EYE-CATCHING HEXAGONALS"

**CAT DAL**, interior designer, Cat Dal Interiors

brought the wall tiles up to the level of the extractor for a generous feel.'

### FLOORING

'The clients wanted tiles in the kitchen and wooden planks in the living room, so I explored unique, playful ways to combine them,' says Cat. The result is a creative juxtaposition of hexagonal tiles laid to 'bleed' into long, wide oak planks. 'Well sealed, cement tiles are better suited in the kitchen to protect from spills, while the wooden flooring flows naturally into the sitting area.'

### STYLING

For this vibrant space, Cat introduced a subtle vintage-industrial style that would encourage diners to linger. Globe pendants make a bold statement, while aged brass elements soften the look. The curved chairs break up the scheme's long lines, while tying in with the hues of the dusky pink sofas, green curtains navy swivel chairs in the living area.

### WHERE TO BUY

**CABINETS** Joinery, Farnham Furnishers; painted in Pigeon modern emulsion, £45.50 for 2.5L, Farrow & Ball

**APPLIANCES** Steam oven, £5,499; oven, £3,049; warming drawer, £509; induction hob, £1,549; extractor, £1,994; fridge freezers, from £1,880; dishwasher, £1,099, all Miele

**SINKS & TAPS** Subline Silgranit sinks in White, from £390 each, Blanco Celsius Arc boiling water hot and cold tap, £1,999; and sparkling, chilled and filtered tap, £2,349, both Zip

**SURFACES** Bridgehampton Marble wall tiles, £115.05sq m, Fired Earth, Dandelion floor tiles, £132sq m, Marrakech Design, Engineered wood oak flooring, £74sq m, Havwoods

**ACCESSORIES** Hicks pendant lights, from £610 each, LuxDeco, Rough table top, £2,999; iron legs set, £549, both Norr11, Beetle chairs, £258 each, Gubi at Made in Design



## DREAM KITCHEN

AN IMAGINATIVE COMBINATION OF MATERIALS AND FEATURES HAS RESULTED IN A STRIKING AND FUNCTIONAL ROOM

Pale mint hexagonal tiles transitioning into oak wood flooring creates a standout feature in the scheme