



'We totally reworked the room's layout'

Want your kitchen to 'flow' better?
This is how the Kerfoots did it...

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THE PROPERTY

A three-bedroom apartment in a Victorian mansion block in Putney, southwest London.

WHO LIVES HERE

Kateryna and Endaf Kerfoot.

WHAT THEY DID

The couple relocated the kitchen door, the water pipes and a radiator. They then installed new kitchen cabinets to create a long run of units with integrated appliances, creating space for a table and chairs.

THE LOOK

Scandinavian simplicity, with white walls, white marble worktops and two-tone white and timber-style cabinetry that has a rustic feel.

LESSONS LEARNED

"It's good to take your time when choosing a new kitchen to ensure you make the right choices. We had three meetings with the company we used before we made our final decision."



THE LAYOUT The kitchen has a run of units on one side, which houses the integrated fridge-freezer, washer-dryer, dishwasher, oven and hob, freeing up space for the dining area opposite

Love their STYLE?

THE KELLER KITCHENS RUSTIC OAK AND PEBBLE UNITS ARE FROM PLANEN ££. FOR SIMILAR, TRY IKEA'S METOD/FÖRVARA IN HYTTAN OAK £ OR THE B3 KITCHEN FROM BULTHAUP £££

WHAT IT COST

Units.....	£7,200
Worktops.....	£2,100
Sink and tap	£280
Appliances.....	£1,567
Flooring.....	£715
Lighting.....	£520
Sash window.....	£1,248
Furniture.....	£450
TOTAL.....	£14,080

TURN OVER TO FIND OUT HOW
Kateryna and Endaf created their new kitchen

Making room
Repositioning the run of units maximised the available space and created room for a table. The floor tiles have been positioned on the horizontal to create the illusion of width



Design detail
WALL UNITS
Mixing wooden base units with white wall units stops a narrow kitchen feeling overwhelming

Kateryna and Endaf Kerfoot's old kitchen was tight on space and looked cluttered, dated and dark. 'I like an organised room with minimalist style,' says Kateryna. 'Our kitchen had been squeezed into a tight space, with a window on one side and a chimney breast on the other. The door to the room was in the corner, restricting the run of wall cabinets, and the space was dominated by a large fridge-freezer. But it was the lack of storage and worktop space that really made it a terrible kitchen.'

Kateryna wanted to maximise the available space, with cabinetry that wouldn't date and built-in appliances. 'We decided to move the kitchen door to the right and relocate the run of units to the left of the room, freeing up space around the window to make the kitchen look larger,' says Kateryna, who had strong ideas about the effect she was after. 'I love Scandinavian style

and had been inspired by a timber-style door that I'd seen in a magazine. Then a friend told me about a company that stocks a Dutch brand of kitchens. She said they were good quality but great value, which appealed to me. I visited the showroom and saw the exact mix of wood and plain finishes that I wanted.'

To achieve the overall look for the new kitchen, the couple also went for timber-effect flooring. 'I initially felt the floor tiles would look too similar to the door fronts,' says Kateryna. 'However, they look wonderful, although I'm glad that we decided to go for a contrasting finish for the wall units.'

Kateryna's favourite feature of her new kitchen is the bespoke dining table. 'I love it - its marble top matches the worksurfaces,' she says. 'And its new position really takes advantage of the natural light. We often find ourselves sitting here chilling with a cup of coffee or reading a newspaper.'

▲ **New appliances**
Repositioning the door meant that the couple could have tall units to accommodate their appliances. 'A built-in fridge-freezer meant that I could say goodbye to the old freestanding one that looked unsightly and cut the room in half,' says Kateryna

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▲ **Bargain buy**
Two pendant lights are positioned to define the dining area visually. 'I bought them in a sale for 75% below the normal purchase price,' says Kateryna



▲ **On display**
Floating shelves provide a handy place for the couple to store favourite kitchen items



How we did it

“We lived in the flat for six months to get a feel for what we did and didn't want, then we hired Ardesia Design to help us. The builders ripped out the old kitchen and moved the door and a box housing the boiler. The refit was part of a refurbishment of the whole apartment, as we needed to update the electrics, plumbing and bathrooms, and redecorate throughout, so we rented for the three months the work took. Fitting the kitchen cost £1,100.”



▲ **Space solutions**
‘We opted for a slim-line dishwasher, as there's only the two of us,’ says Kateryna. ‘It was a good way of saving space’

KITCHEN SOURCEBOOK WHERE TO BUY

Elba Rustic Oak **base units** and Pebble **wall units**, from £199 for a W600mm base unit, Keller Kitchens range; marble **worktop**, from £400 per sq m; all Planen. Gourmet 6 **sink**, £160, Rak Ceramics. Sentinel **tap**, £120, Bristan range, Screwfix. For a similar single **oven**, try the C17E54N3GB, £778; for a similar **microwave oven**, try the C57M70N3GB, £720; both Neff range, Ao.com. Gas **hob**, £218; **dishwasher**, £387; extractor **hood**, £120; all Teka. Wood-effect **floor tiles**, £55 per sq m; Metro **wall tiles**, £38 per sq m; all Grestec Tiles. For similar **wall paint**, try the Orchid White matt emulsion, £24.49 for 2.5ltr, Dulux. Vintage 1 **lights**, £103 each, La Creu range, Wayfair Stores. Bespoke **table** with Carrara marble top, £300, Ardesia Design. For similar **chairs**, try the J39, £493 each, Skandium

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