

stone TONES

Carolyn and Mark have gone for warm shades of grey and basalt black to achieve rich tones and textures in their new kitchen in Bangor

Photography *Rory Corrigan*



GLASS ACT
Glass side panels in the drawers hold contents in place with the help of a versatile pegging system, which can be moved to accommodate various sizes of plates

Returning home after several years living in England, Carolyn and Mark rented a house while scouting for their ideal forever home. 'We rented for two years and were thrilled when this new build opportunity came up in one of our favourite locations,' explains Carolyn. Forming the central feature of the open plan interior, the kitchen was the first room the couple decided to address. 'Of all the rooms in the house, the kitchen is the one area I spent the most time on because I knew this is where we'd spend most of our time. I'm sure the design team at Interior 360 will vouch for this! They were patient and totally grasped what we wanted, in terms of style and design and also came up with suggestions for extras, such as our concealed double pantry with retractable door system.'

Carolyn and Mark decided on Interior 360 after shopping around a selection of kitchen showrooms. 'The guys at Interior 360 came up with innovative storage solutions, in keeping with our preferred contemporary style. I loved the concept of the retractable doors on the larder. The double doors open conventionally and also retract, so they slide into side channels to maintain a streamlined appearance. This comes into its own at breakfast time or when I'm cooking and need easy access to the contents. There's also plenty of space for my baking appliances.'

Continuing the streamlined appearance, studded framework was created to give the cabinetry a linear, flush fitted finish. With the larder fitted to the right hand side of the kitchen, the main appliance wall houses the ovens, fridge and integrated freezer with ice and water dispenser. 'Interior 360 completely understood where we were coming from when we described the look we wanted to achieve, and the photo-effect 3D visual really helped us see how the design would look in our home. They suggested design ideas that we otherwise would never have thought of.'

Originally considering white or ivory for the cabinetry, Carolyn and Mark changed their minds when they saw this stunning Truffle Grey tone on display in the showroom. 'The room is very bright with plenty of glass doors and oversized windows so we knew it could take this shade. The Basalt Black ceramic work surfaces have an ultra slim profile, which adds to the striking, sharp look of the scheme. Initially I was worried that black may look too masculine but it's not a heavy black, it has a matt finish that makes it very textured and tactile!'



IT'S A WRAP

Carolyn loves how the Basalt Black ceramic surface wraps around the island. As well as looking gorgeous, it's also very practical with non-porous, anti-bacterial properties and is extremely durable

Kitchen Profile

Location: Bangor
Bespoke design – Schüller
Nextline handleless kitchen, with Truffle Grey satin lacquered door, from Interior 360. Featuring a dedicated larder/baking station, with retractable doors, maintaining a streamlined appearance while giving great accessibility to the contents stored inside.
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'This room is great for parties and is so practical on an everyday basis. I can keep an eye on the children while I'm cooking, the storage is within easy reach yet is streamlined and concealed.'



SLIDING DOORS

The doors on the larder open conventionally, with the added option of retracting into a neat pocket system to save on floor space when open

IN THE HOOD

A lowered bulkhead in the ceiling above the island houses the extraction system, which has also been fitted with strategically placed LED lighting for an ambient effect

Q&A



PHILIP MILLAR
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Were many changes made to the initial brief?

A few beneficial tweaks were made to the brief to really maximise the space we were dealing with. Carolyn and Mark were quite specific in that they wanted a clean-cut, modern design with a linear feel and no fussy detail. We got a good picture of what they were looking for and made some changes to the proposed colour scheme and added finer details such as specific door systems that would make life easier for them, while maintaining the pared back look they wanted to achieve.

What are the most unusual design features?

Wrapping the Basalt Black ceramic surface around the island really frames this central feature and is a finish that Carolyn was initially unsure of. She was concerned that it may look too heavy and oppressive but

when we showed her the samples, she really loved its tactile, almost velvety surface. It's more of a matt black so is much softer in appearance than she first thought. Other unusual features include the door system on the double larder; which allows the user to recess the door into side channels so you can leave it open without eating into floor space.

What structural amendments were required?

There were no essential structural modifications required although we did make the suggestion to incorporate a lowered ceiling bulkhead above the island to house the built-in extraction system. We also recommended that the walls be studded out to create recesses in which to fit the kitchen furniture. This gives a really effective finish where the kitchen fits within the framework of the room, enhancing the linear look.



WET-ZONE

Two sinks have been installed along the wall to create a washing up zone, complete with Quooker hot tap which banishes the need for a kettle

Source list

APPLIANCES

Siemens appliances – HB78GB590B 14 function Pyrolytic single oven, HB36D575GB fan assist combi steam oven, HWI405P2B 14cm warming drawer, EH975SK1 IE 90cm wide induction hob, SN66M054GB fully integrated dishwasher, FI24DP32 A-Cool 213cm larder freezer with ice and water dispenser and Ki38RA50GB 178cm Pure larder fridge. The fridge offers the best of both worlds with its integrated door while still providing the much-desired ice and water dispenser. **Gutmann** Campo II 96cm island recessed hood in stainless steel and glass.

FIXTURES & FITTINGS

Bespoke design – **Schüller** Nextline handleless kitchen, with Truffle Grey satin lacquered door, from **Interior 360**. 10mm ceramic work surfaces in Basalt Black. Glass drawer sides with Ash black inserts. 6mm lacquered glass splashback. Detailed bulkhead with integrated LED lighting. Stud work also detailed by Interior 360 to suit the kitchen design and layout. **Quooker** hot water tap – this delivers instant hot water, ideal for cooking and making tea and coffee – the perfect addition to a contemporary kettle as there's no need for a kettle cluttering the worktop.

