

ALL WHITE

After briefly considering a more traditional style kitchen, Joanne decided on a contemporary German design as soon as she visited the Interior 360 showroom

twice
THE SIZE

Joanne and Nigel have extended their Victorian terrace to achieve a contemporary open plan layout, twice the size of their original kitchen

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ANOTHER DIMENSION
By extending to the side and rear of their home, Joanne and Nigel have created a spacious room for all the family with the island as a sociable focal point

It was the location and long-term potential of this three-storey, sea-facing terrace that really caught Joanne and Nigel's attention. 'We weren't consciously looking for a renovation project but when this came onto the market, we viewed it and instantly knew we were onto something,' says Joanne. The house needed modernizing but Joanne and Nigel took it in their stride and planned a substantial refurbishment and extension project as soon as they took ownership. The kitchen was a long and narrow room at the back of the house so they knew they'd need to extend to the back and side of the property to create their much-desired open plan layout. Keeping all the original features and character to the front of their home, they've gone for a total contrast at the back with a modern German kitchen.

'In the early planning stages, I found myself swaying between styles. I wondered if a traditional kitchen would be more in keeping with the house but then figured that a contrast of old and new would give us the best of both worlds.' A friend recommended Interior 360 so Joanne went for a look around the showroom and was instantly inspired by the contemporary look of their linear German designs. 'The team at Interior 360 were very professional and provided an excellent service. From the design to the installation, they made several site visits and liaised with the builders to ensure everything went according to plan. As well as designing our kitchen, they also made suggestions for the tiling and took the entire room into consideration.'

Joanne was keen to keep the dining furniture from her previous house so her designer incorporated oak veneer as a splashback and pedestal for the breakfast bar which complements the table and draws the scheme together. 'I mentioned the table on the off chance that some oak could be added to the kitchen and this was no problem. I brought a leaf of the table into the showroom and they were able to match it perfectly. I'm so pleased with it because it adds warmth and texture to the white cabinetry and gives the room another dimension.'

Enhancing the streamlined, linear look of the room, a stud wall has been built out to house integrated refrigeration and a bank of ovens is neatly housed at eye level with storage above and below. The cabinetry is handleless, in keeping with the pared back look Joanne favoured. 'My kitchen is exactly how I hoped it would be. Modern, streamlined and uncluttered, it's so practical to work in and is really low maintenance which means I get to spend more time enjoying the space!'



Kitchen Profile

Location: Bangor, Co Down
Bespoke C3 handleless kitchen – in a soft white matt finish with stainless steel grip ledge and plinths and oak veneer detailing – from Interior 360. 30mm quartz work surfaces in Silica White have been selected to complement the cabinetry.
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OLD MEETS NEW

The linear form and abundance of light and contemporary finishes are a striking contrast to the original period grandeur in the original footprint at the front of the house



Q&A



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Did Joanne and Nigel consult with Interior 360 at the early stages of their renovation?

Yes, they consulted with us as a matter of priority when the plans were being drawn for their extension. The kitchen was one of the most important aspects of the entire renovation as this was planned as the main everyday family space so Joanne quite rightly placed great emphasis on getting it right.

Did the couple have a clear idea of what they wanted in terms of style and finishes?

Before consulting with our team of designers, Joanne had done a lot of research, looking through magazines and online for inspiration. She did have an initial dilemma over style but when she visited our showroom, she was quite taken with our contemporary German kitchens. Because of the era of the house, she had previously considered a traditional kitchen

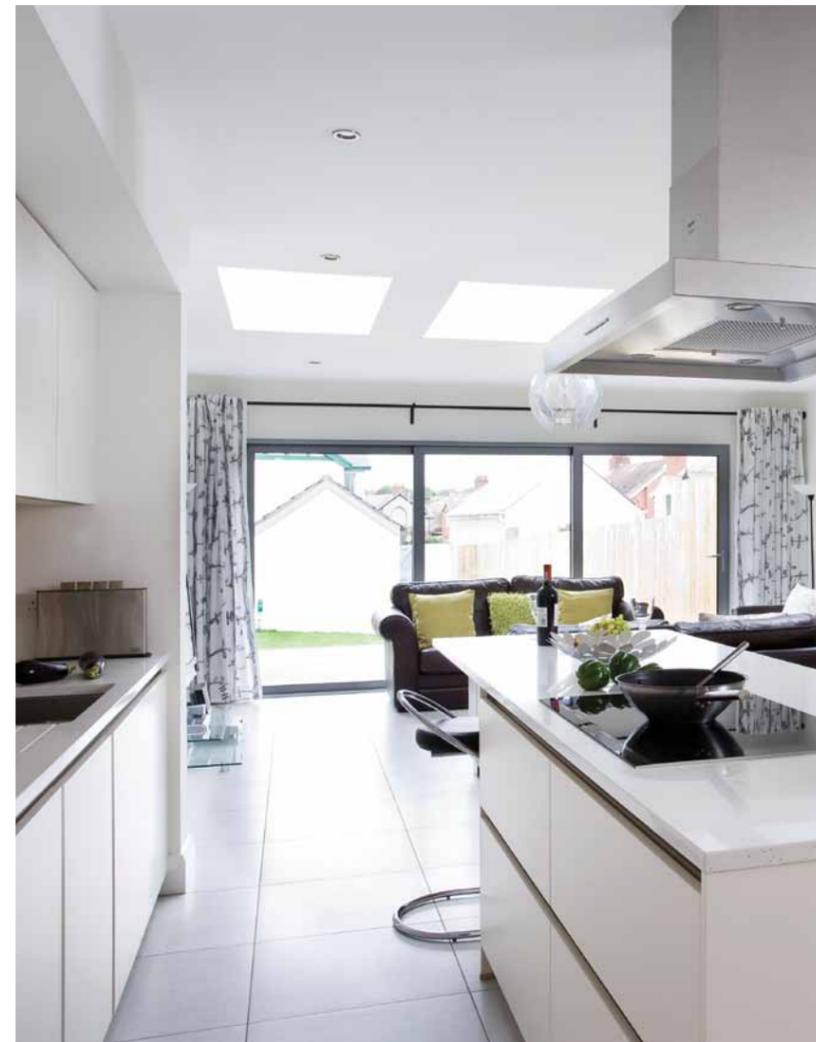
but felt compelled to go modern when she saw our linear, pared back designs on display. This style works particularly well in this setting because the extension is, in itself, a total contrast to the period style of the front of the house.

Were many changes made to the original design?

Because we were on board very early in the planning stages, no major alterations were required. The only adjustment was the addition of oak to the scheme. This was a minor tweak that has given maximum impact to the scheme. Joanne mentioned that she'd like to use the oak dining table from her previous house so we were able to tie the scheme together by introducing an oak veneer, perfectly matched to her table, as a splashback and base for the breakfast bar.

ROOM WITH A VIEW

Check out the amazing lake view – the main inspiration behind Peters idea to increase the size of the kitchen windows



Source list

APPLIANCES

Siemens appliances – two HB78AB590 multifunction pyrolytic single ovens, HB84E562B combi microwave, HW1405A2 warming drawer, EH875SC1 IE 4 zone induction hob and SN66M053GB integrated dishwasher. ERN34800 Electrolux larder fridge and EUF23800 larder freezer. Gutmann Palma island extractor hood. The ovens, combi microwave and warming drawer are housed neatly at eye level as a bank of appliances. The combi microwave is smaller than the ovens to either side, which provides the perfect spot for the warming drawer beneath.

FIXTURES & FITTINGS

Bespoke C3 handleless kitchen – in a soft white matt finish with stainless steel grip ledge and plinths and oak veneer detailing – from Interior 360. 30mm quartz work surfaces in Silica White have been selected to complement the cabinetry. The splashback and pedestal of the breakfast bar are finished in oak veneer to complement Joanne's existing oak dining table. The handleless door fronts are fitted with a stainless steel grip ledge for easy opening. Plinths are also in stainless steel to complement the appliances. Blanco Supra 500 U sink with Insinkerator waste disposal unit. Franke Minerva 3-in-1 hot tap. The tap features a built-in hot water tap function, which saves the need for a kettle. Luxury leather Z bar stool, Atlantic Shopping.