



KITCHEN MAKEOVER 3

'MY AIM WAS TO BRING IN BOLD COLOURS'

While the units might be sleek, neutral and understated, Heather Nash didn't hold back when it came to introducing a few accent shades

Living in their home for more than 20 years, Heather Nash and Nigel Tebble felt the kitchen they had fitted when they first moved in was looking tired and dated.

'It needed upgrading and we considered knocking through to the adjacent utility room to make one large area,' Heather explains. 'But it's such a useful space for storing bikes and garden paraphernalia that we decided it was too valuable to lose; plus the added building work would have pushed up the costs.'

Kitchen Co-Ordination in Edgware had installed a kitchen for friends, and Heather and Nigel liked the streamlined look of the Rational contemporary German cabinetry the company specialises in. Their kitchen has four internal doors, so the couple were restricted when it came to the layout of the room. 'We chose to stick to the existing floorplan as it had always worked so well,' Heather says. 'But the one thing I really wanted was lots more storage; plus a hot-water tap.'

The kitchen used to include a dining table and chairs; ideal for when the children were small, but with just adults in the house now, Heather and Nigel planned to use the space for an island-style unit. 'This not only gave them lots more cupboards but created a modern and relaxed eating area where the family could enjoy informal meals. 'We're all busy so it's rare for us to ▶

← CLEAN LINES

For her streamlined kitchen, Heather wanted super-sleek cabinetry, without protruding knobs or handles, and built-in appliances

↓ SPACE ENHANCING

The high ceiling meant that Heather could have extra-tall units for storing everyday items at an accessible height and gadgets and other equipment higher up



BEFORE

KITCHEN DETAILS

HOMEOWNERS

Heather Nash, a sonographer, and her partner Nigel Tebble, a systems engineer

FAMILY Alice, 25, Patrick, 23, and Anna, 21

LOCATION

Kingston, south-west London

PROPERTY Five-bedroom Edwardian semi

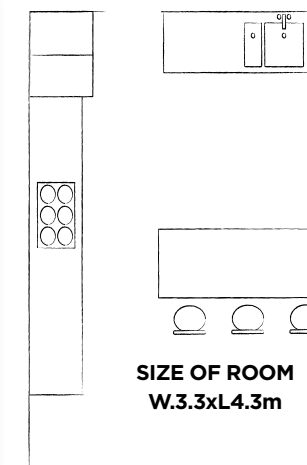
COST OF NEW KITCHEN

Cabinetry	£13,000
Worksurfaces	£3,300
Appliances	£5,136
Flooring	£412
Sink & taps	£1,550
Furniture	£477
Lights	£153.84

TOTAL £24,028.84

WORK CARRIED OUT

A modern design replaced the old, dated kitchen. With four doors leading into the room, the layout was restricted, so the original format was retained with an island unit in place of the dining table and chairs



← VIEW THE FLOORPLAN

Wall units housing the hob, oven and integrated fridge are built along the longest wall with an island fitted against the wall opposite. The sink is along the shortest wall with a door leading to a downstairs WC at the far end



eat at the same time,' explains Heather. 'But, when we're together, we have a dining table in the conservatory.'

While Heather preferred sleek, neutral cabinetry, she didn't want it to look bland. Vivienne Warman from Kitchen Co-Ordination suggested they had units in two shades to add interest. 'I love bright colours and wanted to use turquoise to coordinate with the walls in the hall,' says Heather. 'We achieved this by adding splashbacks and the space instantly came to life.'

The room is usually warm and the couple didn't think it needed underfloor heating, especially as they'd chosen vinyl flooring. 'Having used it previously, we know it's not cold to walk on,' says Heather. 'We invested in an architectural-style radiator instead.' While the room has always been a space for congregating, the island and a row of bar chairs has transformed it into an informal space for cooking, eating and socialising. 'I'm really glad we didn't knock through now, and the island has provided so much extra storage,' she says.

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↓ **CENTRAL HUB**
Situated in the middle of the room, the large island unit is a sociable place for family and friends to gather



'I think the red pendant lights add personality to the room, as I'm not one for matching things'

SHOPPING LIST

UNITS Puro white high-gloss laminate and Cambia platinum grey velvet lacquer, £13,000, Rational; all Kitchen Co-Ordination **WORKTOPS** Quarella quartz in gris ceniza, £3,300, Kitchen Co-Ordination **APPLIANCES** HB78GB670B single oven, £920, Siemens; HB86P675B combination oven, £996, Siemens; IQ700 80cm induction hob, £820, Siemens; SX76TO97GB dishwasher, £640, Siemens; built-in larder fridge, £860, Siemens; built-under freezer, £350, Siemens; extractor, £550, Westin; all Kitchen Co-Ordination **SINK & TAPS** Zerox 550 sink, £500, Blanco; tap, £350, KWC; Modern boiling-water tap, £700, Quooker; all Kitchen Co-Ordination **SPLASHBACKS** Glass splashbacks, £1,400, Kitchen Co-Ordination **FLOORING** Spacia in worn ash, from around £37.50 per sqm, Amtico **FURNITURE** Xavier bar chairs, £159 each, John Lewis **HEATING** Play radiator in anthracite, £663, MHS Radiators **ACCESSORIES** Nordlux Ripasso 15 red pendant lights, £51.28 each, Dusk Lights

IDEAS TO STEAL

Copy Heather's eye-catching style and introduce bright tones to your scheme



↑ **INCLUDE A PROFESSIONAL TAP**
Choose one with instant boiling water; it's great for cleaning pans and preparing vegetables



↑ **CONSIDER INDUCTION COOKING**
As instant as gas but easier to clean, the latest models have flexible zones to accommodate different-sized pots



↑ **LINK INTERIOR SPACES**
Choose tonal or contrasting shades to help rooms flow naturally and create a sense of harmony