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# 'It's so zesty and bright'

A striking orange splashback makes the Foresters' kitchen really stand out

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**Who we are** Jenny Forester and Alex Grey. We live in a North London terrace with our children, Harry, eight, and Sophie, five.

**What we did** We knocked down walls and added an extension to create a big kitchen-diner, with doors leading out to the garden.

**The look** Cool, contemporary white gloss with splashes of burnt orange and rich walnut.

**Lessons we learned** Find the right designer – ours made our ideas come to life, rather than forcing her own on us.



## Before

Squeezed in between the utility room extension and dining room, the old kitchen felt dark and unwelcoming



THE NEW LAYOUT Units on two walls provide lots of work space, but leave room for a dining table



Love the look?  
The Foresters' units are from Kitchen Co-ordination £££  
For similar, try IKEA's Abstrakt range £ or MFI's Space range ££

## After

Jenny and Alex knocked their old kitchen, dining room and utility together to create a big family kitchen-diner. Glossy white units and a shiny orange splashback make the light-filled space seem even brighter

## What our kitchen cost

Units.....	£12,500	Splashback.....	£1,600
Worktop.....	£3,000	Flooring.....	£645
Appliances.....	£3,842	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>£21,587</b>

## How we did it

Want to know more?  
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The orange splashback is one of Jenny's favourite features. 'In the evening, when the light changes, it reminds me of an open fire. It gives the space real character'



This worktop-mounted unit holds the CD player and CDs. The frosted-glass shutter means they're easily accessed, but are kept away from the cooking



The couple added a few walnut-veneered units and floating shelves to stop the bright white kitchen feeling cold and sterile. Orange accessories are dotted around to pick up the colour of the splashback



How we did it  
 “ It took four months for our builder to knock down the old extension, take out the

walls between the kitchen and dining room, then rebuild the extension. Our old kitchen was very dark, so this time we wanted glass doors to let in light and glossy white units. The idea for the orange splashback came to us over a glass of wine, and the designer from the kitchen company told us it would look great with the walnut veneer we'd chosen for some of the cupboards. All in, the transformation has set us back £68,000, but we think it is a huge success. ”

Where to buy it all

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Rational **kitchen**, £12,500; **shelves**, made to measure; both Kitchen Co-ordination. **Worksurface**, £300 per linear m, Rossi Stoneworks. **Splashback**, from £347 per sq m, Crawford Glass. **Doors**, around £4,200, Designer Construction. **Sink**, £321, Franke. **Tap**, £247, Blanco. B1 422 **single oven**, £425; B6774 **combination oven**, £794; T3766 **gas hob**, £295; all Neff. **Fridge-freezer**, £1,645, Maytag. **Extractor hood**, £683, Elica. **Radiator**, from £450, Heatline. **Floor tiles**, £30 per sq m, Tiles & Baths Direct. **Antique White paint**, £9.98, Colours range, B&Q. **Table**, £195, IKEA. **Chairs**, find similar at IKEA. **Tea towel**, £10 for three; **oven glove**, £9; **drizzler**, £9; all Typhoon. **Tumbler**, £3.99 for six; IKEA. **Canisters**, £59 each, Utility. **Tableware**, from £10 for four side plates, Habitat. **Vase**, £25, Marks & Spencer. **Fruit bowl**, £8, Next