



'The Shaker look is a great option for anyone concerned about the furniture overpowering their project. Plus, by adding colour, mixed timbers or decorative handles, your kitchen can become unique to you'

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CASE STUDY 2: CLASSIC

Commercial builder Gary Hurrell and his wife Sandra live in a four-bedroom detached converted barn in Suffolk.

When transforming a traditional flint-built barn into their family home, Gary and Sandra Hurrell took great care to retain as many of the original features as possible. The building's oak beams were salvaged and restored, and the flint walls and brickwork repaired and left exposed wherever practical.

The kitchen, in particular, is blessed with an assortment of time-worn details. With this in mind, the couple wanted a simple scheme

that wouldn't compete with the room's interesting architectural elements. During a visit to The Design Centre in Bury St Edmunds, the Hurrells fell in love with the Suffolk kitchen range by Neptune. 'Its understated style has no fussy detailing and the clean lines would prevent the existing features in the room from clashing with it,' says designer Martin King.

The Shaker-style painted furniture includes an island with a prep sink, so that Sandra can look out over the garden while preparing meals; a tall larder cupboard for dried foods; and a glazed countertop unit

for glassware. Built-in or fully integrated appliances mean the sleek lines of the cabinetry remain undisturbed, and Kashmir White granite worktops complete the look.

'The Shaker design is very crisp and works perfectly well within its surroundings,' says Sandra. 'A more traditional design could have looked rather busy, but instead it's smart yet sociable and exactly to our liking.'

■ The Suffolk kitchen by Neptune is priced at around £25,000, including appliances, worktops and installation, at The Design Centre

HOW TO DO SCANDI STYLE

FURNITURE

Choose white pieces that feature natural pale-wood elements, such as birch, oak and beech, and simple, sleek lines. Not only will they look chic, they'll help ensure that your scheme never dates.

A multi-functional piece for the kitchen or dining area, the **Butler sideboard** can be used to store anything from cutlery, wine bottles, glasses and china. Available in four widths, from £2,085, The Kitchen Dresser Company



FURNITURE

Look for well-designed items that are unfussy and functional



For stylish storage, try a solid oak **Nash Highboard** in a hi-gloss white finish. It measures H124 x W90 x D42cm and costs £699, Conran at Marks & Spencer



This classic **Chichester oak dining table** measures H73 x W170 x D90cm and will sit well in modern, country-style designs, £750, Neptune

The **Ken chair**, in American oak and oak veneer, has a retro feel that would also look at home in a Scandi-inspired scheme. It costs £129, John Lewis



An elegant **Daisy three-seater sofa** in House Textured Cotton/Chalk, is the ideal choice for a more formal setting, £1,040, Sofa.com