

## Key info

- Handcrafted Chichester kitchen from Neptune at La Touche Furnishings
- Marble worktop from Stone Warehouse
- Aga range cooker
- Siemens integrated fridge freezer
- Limestone flooring from Stone Warehouse

# SCALING UP





With a growing family and a kitchen which was slightly on the small side, Caitlin and David agreed that extending their family home to make way for a spacious open plan kitchen was the best solution.

'Our previous kitchen was much smaller than this new layout. With four children, our home was beginning to feel crowded. It really was time to look at our options,' says Caitlin. Happy with the house itself and its location, the couple decided that extending to the back of the property would give them the extra accommodation they needed. The new extension adds a new dimension to the house, creating a large open kitchen with dining area. 'Our last kitchen was an oak design which I had painted. There was no island so, as you can imagine, storage and space in general was limited.'

Caitlin did her research when it came to identifying what she liked

in terms of kitchen design. 'A visit to La Touche Furnishings proved fruitful; Caitlin fell in love with the Neptune range on display. I was immediately impressed by the look and finishes of the Neptune kitchens and found Patrick from La Touche extremely helpful.'

With a clear idea of the features she wanted in her new kitchen, Caitlin specified a substantial larder for all dry food storage and an island as her two must-haves. Kitchen designer, Patrick came up with design and layout options, based on Caitlin's specifications and only a few minor changes were made, so the entire process ran very smoothly.

Patrick essentially had a blank canvas to work with. Being an extension project, the open plan kitchen offered flexibility and versatility, as all structural changes were made in conjunction with Patrick's kitchen plan. One of the many notable features is the large

island. Patrick suggested a few options for the island, allowing Caitlin and David to choose the option which best suited their family and lifestyle. 'I'm so pleased with the island. It's a fabulous multipurpose unit. It serves as a food prep. area and also accommodates a wealth of storage. We also have an amazing bespoke larder to hold all our food storage, so the island is mainly used to store pots and pans and there's also a handy wine rack built into the side.'

Caitlin has been able to reuse some of the appliances from her previous kitchen but has chosen to invest in an Aga range cooker and an integrated Siemens fridge freezer. The work surfaces and floor tiles were sourced from Stone Warehouse, which is very conveniently located next door to La Touche, while David sourced the oak island top from

a local salvage yard. The oak together with the marble worktop, limestone tiles and painted kitchen cabinetry combines to stunning effect.

Patrick has achieved a beautiful aesthetic and functional layout for Caitlin and David. One of the largest challenges was to include all the couple's must-have items without overcrowding the room. They were keen to include a large island and lots of storage space, yet they wanted a clean, uncluttered look. Patrick has taken this couple's brief and combined his own creativity with the stunning design of the Neptune collection to create the ideal kitchen for this growing family.

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