

RUSTIC CHARM

Hand-painted cream and aqua cabinetry creates a country-style feel in Kate and Adrian Camp's layout

CABINETRY

Kate's wall units and island have been **hand-painted in Calico**, while the base cupboards are **Aqua Blue**, both by Neptune Classics

WORKSURFACES

Solid American White oak tops the island and cabinetry and adds warmth to the scheme

FLOORING

The couple kept their existing floorboards.

For similar, try **reclaimed pine**, DDS Demolition

COOLING

The **fridge freezer in Champagne** is from Gorenje's **Retro Vintage Collection**



KATE AND ADRIAN CAMP LIVE IN A FOUR-BEDROOM PROPERTY IN BERKSHIRE

WITH THEIR CHILDREN, MADELINE, SIX, NATHALIE, FIVE, AND ANNA, TWO

When Kate and Adrian Camp viewed their detached, early 19th-century house in Berkshire, the kitchen, with its dated units squeezed into two tiny rooms and a narrow passageway, was hardly a major draw. The rest of the property needed updating, too, but the couple knew they could create a comfortable place to live.

The house was their first family home in England, with Adrian's job as a sales director having taken them first to Geneva and then to the US, before returning to the UK. 'We left for Geneva as a couple and returned to England as a family of five,' laughs Kate.

Too much work needed to be done to the house for the couple and their children to move in straight away, so they decided to rent a property nearby while their new home was modernised and extended.

The Camps wanted a large kitchen-diner overlooking the back garden, so they turned the existing lounge into the kitchen, which they extended. The room, ▶

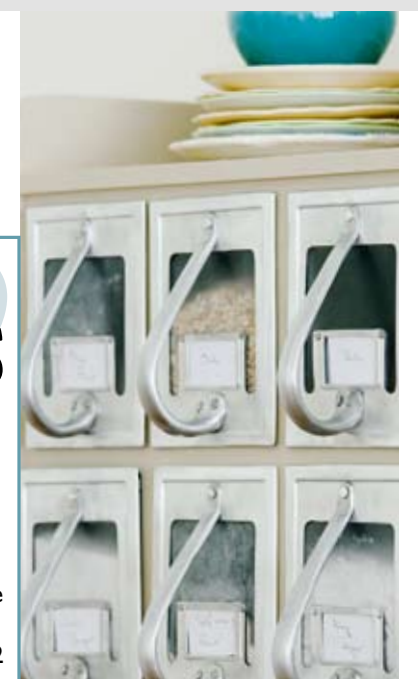
▶ PRACTICAL STORAGE

Kate's attractive wall-mounted dry goods store came from Ella's Kitchen Company and houses spices and pasta

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...Kate's storage unit. Made from wood and aluminium, it allows spices to always be close to hand. For more spice storage ideas, see page 142





RANGE COOKER

The three-oven, gas-fired Aga provides multiple cooking options

SPLASHBACK

Fired Earth's Sea Blue Stonelustre tiles protect the wall behind the Aga, from cooking splashes

PENDANT

The French Ceramic light in Jade came from Holloways of Ludlow

GREAT IDEA

Recycling bins don't have to be hidden. These chic wooden crates are ideal for dividing up waste



UTILITY

The storage unit and crates in the utility area were an eBay find and are used for recycling waste. Labels in French add to the rustic charm of the kitchen design

WOODEN DRESSER

The Camps bought this freestanding cabinet in the US. 'It's pretty, yet practical and has a period feel,' says Kate



including the extension, took five months to build, with Kate popping down to the house most evenings to check on the progress of the work. Soon after, the Camps finally moved out of the rental property and into their new home.

When it came to choosing the design, Kate and Adrian opted for a kitchen in keeping with the property's age. 'We wanted a rustic, freestanding look,' explains Kate. 'I like timber, so we chose solid wood worktops and units, but because we kept the original floorboards, we chose painted units to add colour.'

Kate created a mood board of ideas, clipping out pictures of kitchens she liked from interior magazines and arranging them to see how they fitted together. When she had decided on the scheme, a friend recommended Surrey Furniture and designer Chris Budgen, who advised Kate on the layout. 'I wanted a central island to give me more workspace and a sink that faced the garden, so I could keep an eye on the children,' says Kate.

The Camps chose units from Neptune Classics, which were then hand-painted and fitted by Surrey Furniture. To help open out the room, Kate chose only two wall units, preferring to use an island, undercounter cabinets and a utility room to the side of the kitchen for storage.

The couple are delighted with their new layout. 'It was extremely important to me to get the kitchen right because with a young family, it is my focal point in the house,' says Kate. 'When I walked in for the first time after it was totally finished, I felt delighted. Everything came together to create the room I had envisaged. It's down-to-earth, warm and pretty – just what I wanted.'

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'THERE ARE A LOT OF POWER POINTS IN THE ISLAND, SO THAT I CAN HOLD BAKING SESSIONS WITH THE GIRLS. IT'S FUN, THOUGH NOISY AND CHAOTIC AT TIMES'



ISLAND UNIT

The central workstation has been painted to match the wall units and stores large, bulky items

PENINSULA

Separating the dining area from the kitchen, the peninsula contains a double-bowl ceramic Belfast sink by Franke and a traditional-style Phoenician mixer tap from Perrin & Rowe

PRICE GUIDE
Cabinetry only
£7,600
for a Surrey Furniture kitchen

THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINETRY

- Chris Budgen at **Surrey Furniture**, 106 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey KT14 7QT (01932 355332) www.surrey-furniture.co.uk
- Bespoke, hand-painted basswood and poplar cabinetry from the Chichester range by Neptune Classics

WORKTOPS

- Solid American White oak. Price per linear m **£195**

FLOORING

- Existing floorboards, for similar try reclaimed pine, DDS Demolition. Price per sq m, from **£25**

SINK & TAP

- VBK720 undermounted double-bowl ceramic Belfast sink, Franke **£468**
- 4460 Phoenician C-spout monobloc mixer tap in chrome with porcelain levers, Perrin & Rowe **£187**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- Three-oven, gas-fired Aga in Cream **£7,418**
- RF6326OC freestanding fridge freezer, Gorenje **£679**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated dishwasher, Neff **£379**

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