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‘The mosaic of colours adds such a glamorous look to the room and the chocolate granite worktops sparkle below the pretty tiled wall,’ says Marc

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Mosaic magic

A feature wall with a stunning tiled design is the focal point of Marc Bray and Keith Mark’s new contemporary kitchen





◀ Marc and Keith's modern extension on their 1940s semi-detached house overlooks the back garden. As the kitchen faces south, light floods into the room from sliding patio doors

A pillar marks the end of Marc and Keith's original kitchen – now merely an entrance – so the island and bank of ovens are sited within what was once garden space. Matched to some of the paler mosaic tiles, the walls are painted in Sumatran Melody 5 by Dulux that complements the handleless Vanilla hi-gloss units and contrasts with the dark worktops

The contemporary kitchen in Marc Bray and Keith Mark's semi-detached house in Prestwich is a surprising contrast to the rest of their property. Built inside a modern extension at the back of their 1940s home, they insist it couldn't be more different to their original room. 'There was barely enough space for us both to be in it at the same time, let alone have friends over,' explains Marc, who is the managing director of an IT consultancy firm. 'We wanted to open up the whole area and felt that we should use some of the garden to build an extension.'

Once this was complete, Marc and Keith needed a kitchen designer. They found Diane Berry after walking past her showroom and she showed she knew her clients' taste by coming up with the idea of using hi-gloss cabinetry to bounce light around the room. 'We love the mirrored effect the units have and they give the kitchen a real feeling of spaciousness,' enthuses Keith, who manages a pension administration team. The cream cabinetry ties in perfectly with the glass mosaic tiles Marc and Keith wanted for the curved feature wall at one end of the room. The brown, cream and pink tiles graduate from dark to light from the bottom to the top of the wall and they shimmer in the natural light, which floods in through sliding patio doors.

'The kitchen is a great success,' confirms Keith. 'Now we eat in here rather than the dining room.'



◀ We spend far more time in the kitchen than we ever did before.

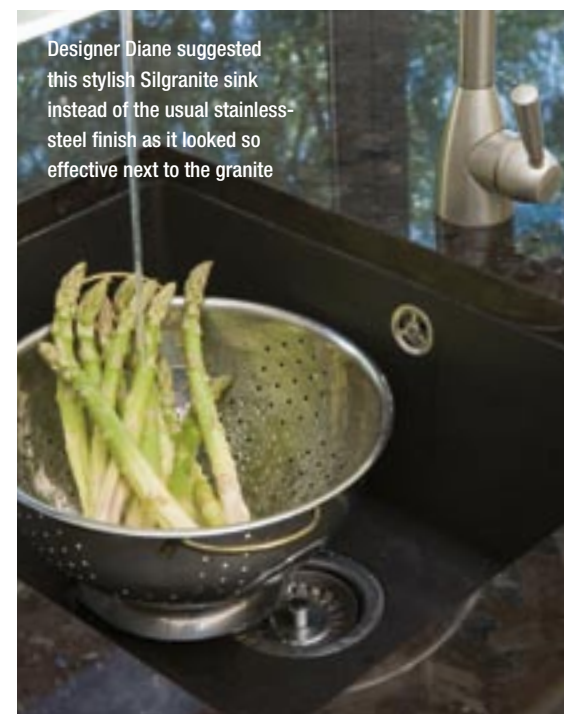
We also tend to eat more healthily as there is so much extra food storage space built in to the design and fridge freezer capacity

MARC BRAY



◀ A feature wall made with Calicanto mosaic tiles from Bisazza creates an unusual talking point in Marc and Keith's kitchen. The stainless-steel extractor has been hung from the ceiling to minimise interruption of the room's overall design

Dedicated drawer storage for cleaning products and cloths has been integrated under the striking Antique Brown granite worktops to keep the surfaces clutter-free and tidy



Designer Diane suggested this stylish Silgranite sink instead of the usual stainless-steel finish as it looked so effective next to the granite

THE KITCHEN FILE

DESIGN & CABINTRY

- Diane Berry at **Diane Berry Kitchens**, 132 Bury New Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 0AA (0161 798 5335) www.dianeberrykitchens.co.uk
- Vanilla hi-gloss units from the AlnoArt Pro range by Alno

WORKTOPS

- Antique Brown granite. Price per sq m **£633**

SINK & TAP

- BlancoSubline 500-U 513413 undermounted single-bowl sink in Anthracite Silgranite, Blanco **£314**
- Gotthard single-lever monobloc mixer tap in Silk Steel, Franke **£153**

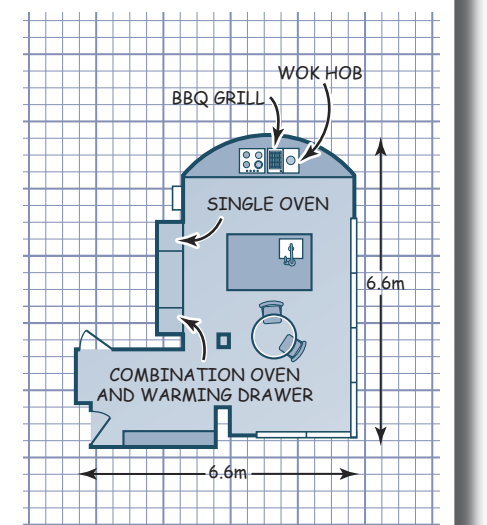
APPLIANCES (shown)

- H4641 built-in single oven, Miele **£1,716**
- H4060 built-in combination oven, Miele **£1,762**
- KM490 four-zone induction hob, Miele **£585**
- KM406 wok hob, Miele **£540**
- KM411 electric grill, Miele **£564**
- Existing extractor, for similar try DA420V, Miele **£2,000**
- EGW4060-14 built-in warming drawer, Miele **£420**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated fridge freezer, Miele **£962**
- Fully integrated fridge freezer, Miele **£900**
- Fully integrated dishwasher, Bosch **£540**

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GUIDE PRICE

- Starting price for a Diane Berry Kitchens design **£25,000**