



Shamim and David opted for stunning hi-gloss cabinetry in Vanilla and Black from the AlnoArt Pro range to fill their kitchen. 'We wanted to be able to entertain with ease,' explains Shamim. 'Our new design has given us a variety of cooking options and makes catering for guests lots of fun'

Vanilla ice dream

Cream-coloured, hi-gloss cabinetry combines with black accents to create a stunning, spacious kitchen where Shamim and David Majara can entertain



Having lived in their 1930s period house in Peterborough for more than 14 years, it wasn't until recently that Shamim and David Majara decided to replace their out-of-date kitchen. 'We love to cook for friends and family but just didn't have the space to cater for large numbers of guests,' explains Shamim. 'We wanted a new look and a practical layout that would make entertaining enjoyable, so we decided it was time to rip out the traditional-style cabinetry we'd had for years.'

The Majaras, who own their own business, met with several kitchen designers to discuss their ideas but the companies that they spoke to quoted more than they had in their budget. When they visited Halcyon Interiors, the couple knew they had found a modern design that was affordable, too. 'As soon as we saw the cream and black hi-gloss scheme on display, we knew we didn't need to look any further,' recalls Shamim.

The couple's new kitchen, designed by Halcyon's Stephen Parsons, centres around a chic, streamlined island that provides Shamim and David with all the capacity they need for entertaining guests. A gas hob within the central workstation is supplemented by a bank of ovens that has been built in to the cream hi-gloss cabinetry behind. 'We can cope with catering for vast numbers of people now,' explains Shamim.

The Majaras are delighted with all the extra space their stunning new layout has given them. 'Everyone who has seen the kitchen has fallen in love with it, just like we did,' smiles Shamim. 'Now we're looking forward to throwing lots of parties.'



Black hi-gloss cabinetry within the Majaras' central workstation acts as a foil to the light Vanilla scheme. Chic Quarella worktops complement the units and an extractor from Blanco by Gutmann echoes the island's streamlined look. Huge patio doors flood the room with natural light

An elegant table and chairs at one end of the Majaras' kitchen offers an ideal spot for the couple to enjoy meals together. For similar, try John Lewis. With a variety of cooking options between them, the bank of ovens provides Shamim and David with the ability to prepare meals for several guests. Patio doors open onto the garden, where a large gas barbecue and tandoori oven make outdoor entertaining easy



“My top tip for successful planning is to include an island in your design if you have the space. Our central workstation gives us easy access to all our cooking appliances and preparing meals is now much easier than it used to be”
SHAMIM MAJARA

The Majaras were keen to include two wine coolers in their design and opted to integrate them within the island unit. 'Each chiller can hold up to 38 bottles, which means we can keep red and white wine on hand for any surprise visitors,' smiles Shamim



Deep pan drawers with clever built-in dividers allow Shamim and David to store their heavy pots close to the bank of ovens for easy access when cooking. The sleek lines of the central workstation are echoed by the handleless design of the stylish black doors

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A capacious stainless-steel sink with a smaller half bowl combines with an angular tap in platinum matt to finish this sleek wet area, which includes two fully integrated dishwashers below. Walls painted in simple Dulux White complete the room's uncluttered look



Keen to keep their new kitchen free of clutter, Shamim and David chose this built-in coffee machine that is housed next to their four ovens. 'It's neat and streamlined and we just love sitting down for a cup of coffee together in the mornings,' smiles Shamim. The sleek worktop in this area is made from frosted glass and continues up the wall as an upstand. When the under-cupboard lighting is in use, the splashback takes on a warm golden glow

Shamim is delighted with the island as it allows her to face the centre of the room when she is preparing meals. 'David and I really love cooking, even if it's just the two of us,' she smiles. 'Our kitchen is now such a pleasure to work in, I can't wait to arrive home from work in the evenings'



THE KITCHEN FILE

DESIGN & CABINETRY

- Stephen Parsons at **Halcyon Interiors**, 509 Uxbridge Road, Hatch End, Pinner, Middlesex HA5 4JS (020 8420 1124) www.halcyoninteriors.com
- Vanilla and Black hi-gloss units, both from the AlnoArt Pro range by Alno

WORKTOPS

- 60mm Crema Clara Quarella. Price per linear m £500
- 195 Sablo frosted glass, Lechner. Price per linear m £700

SINKS & TAP

- BlancoClaron 700-U undermounted large single-bowl sink in stainless steel, Blanco £550
- BlancoClaron 180-U undermounted half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Blanco £350
- 33800795 Maro single-lever monobloc mixer tap in platinum matt, Dornbracht £460

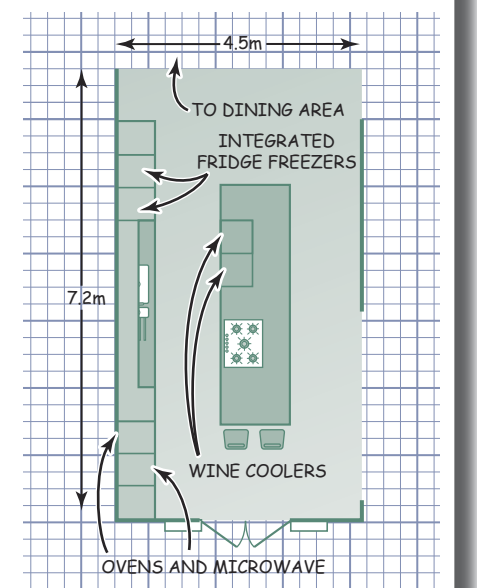
APPLIANCES (shown)

- 2 x H5681 built-in single ovens, Miele, each £2,544
- H5080 built-in combination microwave, Miele £1,785
- DG5080 built-in steam oven, Miele £1,681
- KM391G five-burner gas hob, Miele £920
- BlancoCampo extractor, Blanco by Gutmann £2,288
- CVA2660 built-in coffee machine, Miele £1,374
- 2 x KWT4154UG-1 undercounter wine coolers, Miele, each £1,222

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated fridge freezer, Miele £1,328
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- 2 x fully integrated dishwashers, Miele, each £1,129

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GUIDE PRICE

- Starting price for an Alno kitchen £28,000