

CASE STUDY



Modern Marvel

Callerton Kitchens & Interiors created a sleek, timeless kitchen to be the focal point of the home

Can you tell us about the property?

It's a detached home in Gosforth, Newcastle, and the owners' children have flown the nest. They wanted to enjoy their new-found space with socialising, cooking and relaxing.

What was the brief from the owners?

They were undergoing a larger two-storey extension project, and they wanted to create a large, open-plan living space on the ground floor which could open up onto their garden. Modern styling was their preferred choice, with clean, simple lines and fairly neutral colours to avoid overpowering the room. They wanted a timeless kitchen that would work as the heart of

the home, but also be able to handle some serious cooking and entertaining. We combined elements of classic style with modern design and the room looks fantastic.

How did you approach the design?

The owners had very clear ideas of what they wanted, and some ideas did stick but they were also open to our suggestions. In terms of appliance positioning and other details, the clients were keen to utilise our design skills to ensure the best use of space. It was a blank canvas, but we had to keep the social flow in mind because it had to incorporate a lounge and dining area as well as work and preparation areas.



Can you describe the use of lighting in the kitchen?

People often don't give lighting proper consideration, which is a mistake because it's such an important part of any project. We wanted to create an understated, classy look, so we complemented the existing ceiling spots with remote-controlled LED strip lighting around the island at plinth level, and beneath the wall cabinets we put in LED halo lights in a warm white colour. We also kept the tall furniture to one side to ensure the light from the two Velux windows was maximised.

What about colour?

We used both light Silestone work surfaces and dark Corian work surfaces which contrast beautifully. Pay attention to the small details, such as colour temperature, because they can have drastic effects – the overall look of a room can be ruined by something as simple as mixing warm white with cool or daylight white. With this kitchen, the warm white picks up the warmer hues in the flooring and splashbacks. As it was a very open space, we went with a light matt grey for the furniture and a light worktop to make sure the airiness of the space was maintained.

Are there any special features?

The client was determined to have a Bora hob. This dynamic hob includes a recirculating extractor feature in the centre, to ensure all smells and steam are removed at the source. We created a special drawer pack beneath the Bora to maximise the storage space below.

Were the clients happy with the end result?

Very. They love having the hob and preparation areas facing into the room, as it allows them to socialise while cooking and entertaining. Having the breakfast bar on the island next to the garden also offers them more social space and a number of options for using this space. The layout works well for them as all of their everyday requirements are in one space. We helped them bring the vision of their ideal space to life.

Fact File

- Cooker, microwave, warming drawer and dishwasher:** Neff
- Sink:** Blanco 'Subline' in Alumetallic
- Kitchen tap:** Franke 'Maris' dual lever monobloc mixer tap in Chrome
- Worktops:** Silestone in Blanco Zeus and Corian in Sorrel
- Furniture:** Callerton Handleless Doors in Monza Matt Graphite

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