

DREAM KITCHEN

BOLTS OF COBALT BLUE AND BRONZE DELIVER A GLAMOROUS NOTE TO THIS FAMILY SPACE THAT'S ALWAYS PARTY-READY

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THE PROPERTY A five-bedroom, neo-Georgian private build in Berkshire.

DESIGN BRIEF To zone the 15.5x7.45m open-plan living space into areas that work singularly and as a whole. The owners enjoy entertaining but also wanted a relaxed feel for everyday family use.

DIMENSIONS 8.5x7.45m (kitchen, dining and banquette seating area only)

LAYOUT

'As the room is huge we focused on making each area feel practical and cosy,' says Caz. 'We used furniture to define spaces, but we also harnessed the zoning power of lighting. The kitchen is zoned by the island, with five pendants and a dropped-ceiling delineating its boundary from above.' In the corner, banquette seating upholstered deep into the window reveal creates a comfortable nook for morning coffee. In the far corner is a large utility room.

CABINETS

Designed by Caz and made by Point 5 Kitchens, the cabinetry combines contemporary handleless doors with warmth provided by rich materials. 'We spent a lot of time creating a bespoke metallic bronze lacquer for the cabinetry,' says Caz. 'The bronze tones beautifully with the dark oak veneer on the island and larder unit, and is picked up in metal accents in the rest of the room and the house, which helps with cohesion and flow.'

SURFACES

The island is wrapped in leathered granite with a soft, low-sheen texture

that verges on industrial. The units against the wall are topped in concrete-look quartz with a leather finish, again with a waterfall edge over the open end taking the worktop to the floor for a modular look. 'We wanted the worktops to quietly encase the cabinetry, lending a modern edge but without detracting from the richness of the bronze and oak,' says Caz. Behind the main sink is a glass splashback, painted on the back in Farrow & Ball's Strong White.

APPLIANCES

While the kitchen doesn't appear appliance-heavy, it is fully loaded with the latest technology, including steam and microwave combi ovens, induction cooking and a three-in-one boiling water tap. Flanking the ovens are two full-height integrated fridges. 'We didn't want the design to focus on the appliances, but they are all perfectly poised for easy use, even when two or more people are working in the kitchen,' says Caz.

STYLING

Cobalt blue was used as a colour thread, fusing the kitchen and sofa areas, while pulling in the view of the indoor pool that's visible through glazed doors at the far end of the room. 'The cobalt story begins with the Drum table, one of the first pieces of furniture seen from the front door,' says Caz. 'We then used pendants like jewellery to dress the space and anchor each zone. Positioning them took hours but it was worth it to get each one hanging perfectly.' 📸

WHERE TO BUY

CABINETS Bespoke kitchen designed by Caz Myers Design, around £35,000 (cabinetry only), Point 5 Kitchens

APPLIANCES BO451111 400 Series ovens, £4,062 each; BS474111 400 Series steam combi oven, £5,672; BM454110 400 Series microwave combi oven, £4,353; CX480110 400 Series induction hob, £5,479; RC 462 301 integrated fridges, £6,507 each, all Gaggenau. SIGN 3566 integrated freezer, £1,349, Liebherr. G7365 SCVi XXL dishwasher, £1,499, Miele. Stratus flush ceiling extractor with custom colour-match finish, £3,960, Westin

SINKS & TAPS Andano 700-IF undermount sink, £409; Andano 180-U undermount sink, £198, both Blanco. Flex Pro3 boiling water tap, £1,150, Quooker. Clearwater Elmira mono tap, £215.95, Taps Empire

SURFACES Black Pearl granite worktop with leathered finish (on island), £11,400; Noble Concrete Grey quartz worktop with leather finish (on sink elevation), £8,500; glass splashback in Farrow & Ball's Strong White finish, £2,004, all prices as shown, supplied by Caz Myers Design. Walls in Strong White estate emulsion, £46.50 for 2.5L, Farrow & Ball. Similar flooring, Golden Oak oiled engineered wood, £79sq m, Naked Floors

ACCESSORIES Masina pendants, £780 each, Bert Frank. Bespoke bar stools designed by Caz Myers Design; upholstered in Piccolo in Royal, £85m, Lelièvre. Bespoke Drum table, £5,246, Julian Chichester. Blind in Loulou in Bleu, £132.90m, Casamance

Spanning 15.5m, this open-plan living space easily accommodates a generous island at the heart of the kitchen



“WE USED LIGHTING LIKE JEWELLERY TO DRESS THE SPACE. ANY LESS THAN FIVE PENDANTS WOULD HAVE LOOKED UNFINISHED ABOVE THIS LARGE ISLAND UNIT”

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