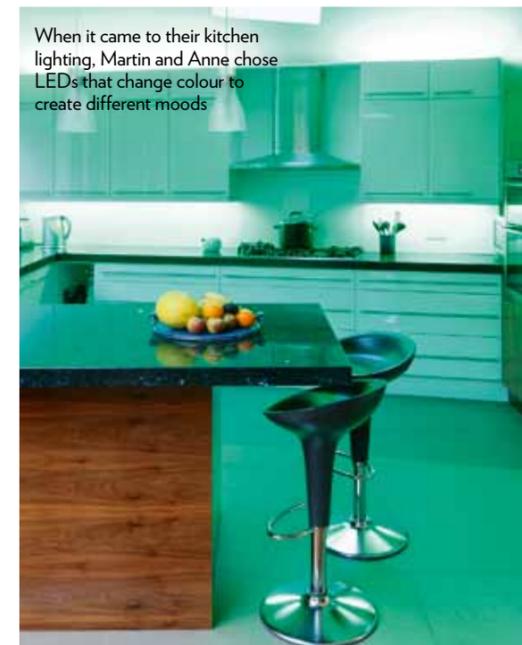


STYLISH SOLUTIONS
STATEMENT LIGHTING

Walnut cabinetry provides a contrast to the white hi-gloss units, all made by Trojan Joinery. Martin and Anne requested lots of drawers as they find them easier to organise and more accessible.



'WE WERE
inspired BY THE
LIGHTING
IN BARS &
restaurants'

Martin Hurren and Anne Mcvey transformed their new kitchen into a relaxing, mood-enhancing space

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**Kitchen
FACT FILE**



THE OWNERS Martin Hurren, a brand manager, and his partner, Anne Mcvey, a primary school teacher, live with their miniature Schnauzer, Otto

THE HOME A three-bedroom Edwardian villa in Chiswick

THE CABINETRY Bespoke white hi-gloss units with walnut veneer furniture

PRICE GUIDE
£10,487

for a similar kitchen, made by Trojan Joinery, cabinetry only

STYLISH SOLUTIONS STATEMENT LIGHTING



When Martin Hurren and Anne Mcvey decided they'd had enough of their small kitchen, they chose colour-changing lighting to show it off to its best effect.

How long had you lived in your house before you decided to change the kitchen?

We'd lived here for 10 years, so the whole house needed a general overhaul, especially the kitchen, which was a small galley-style room with hardly any preparation space.

Did you have ideas for your new scheme?

Yes, we wanted a light, open kitchen with plenty of storage space and room for food preparation – a design that was more sociable and would allow us to entertain our guests while we cook.

How did you get started?

We began by employing Alice Poole from Alice Poole Architects, who won the Kitchen Designer of the Year award in 2009. There was some building work to be done next – we had a previous extension that housed a second reception room, which was where Alice wanted to locate the new kitchen. She also designed a full-width extension for the new kitchen and knocked down a supporting wall to open up the space, which ▶



A wall of walnut cabinetry houses not only a built-in Bosch double oven, but also an integrated American-style fridge freezer, a bespoke wine rack and cubbyholes for recipe books. A freestanding microwave sits close to hand on top of the worksurface



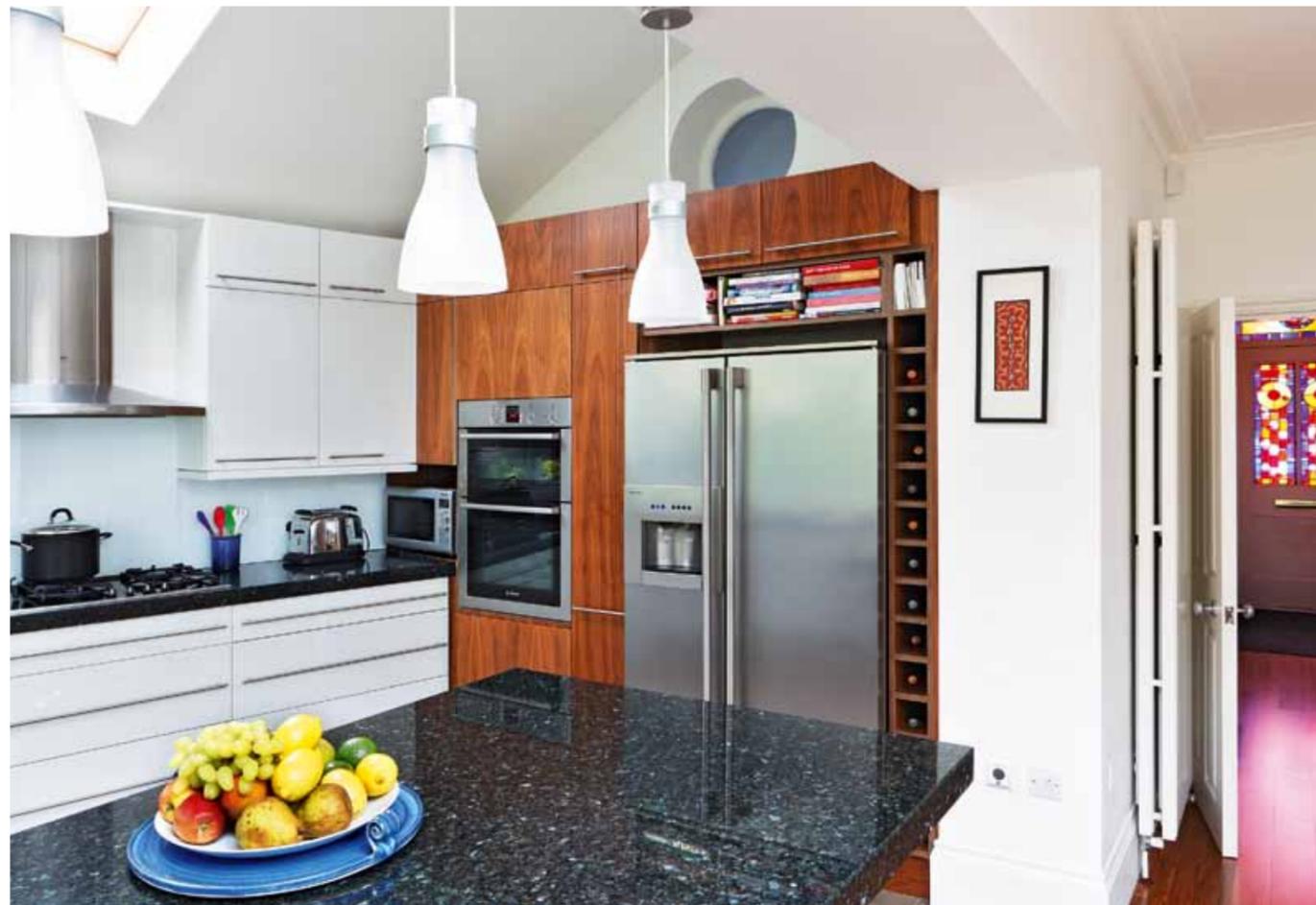
Emerald Pearl granite was chosen for the worksurfaces and was built up a little to create a chunky profile

BEST BUY
COLOURED LIGHTS
The LEDs make a great impact – they're a talking point with everyone who visits

MAKE COLOURED LIGHTING WORK

Martin and Anne share their secrets:

- Decide which areas of your kitchen you want to light. We chose colour-changing LEDs that came on a sticky-backed strip and were really easy to install. Our electrician put them above and below the cabinetry.
- Make sure it's on a separate circuit to the rest of your lights. Ours is controlled by a remote so that we can change the colour and frequency when we want to. We always use the lighting when we have friends over – our preference is the slow colour-changing mode.
- Work out roughly how much it will cost you to run. As ours are LEDs, the cost of usage is nominal, but then we don't use it all the time. I think it would lose its appeal if we did that.



Martin and Anne couldn't resist this Breville kettle that changes colour to match the kitchen lighting. The purple vase was a gift

3 GET THE LOOK LED accessories



The colour-changing LED Wine Cooler can either cycle through colours or stay static on just one. It can be used both indoors and outside as it's battery operated and lasts for 12 hours. It costs £119 from Philips



The Toast N Light toaster changes colour while it cooks, starting at blue, green, yellow, orange and finally changing to red when your toast is ready. It costs £24.99 from Tefal at Amazon

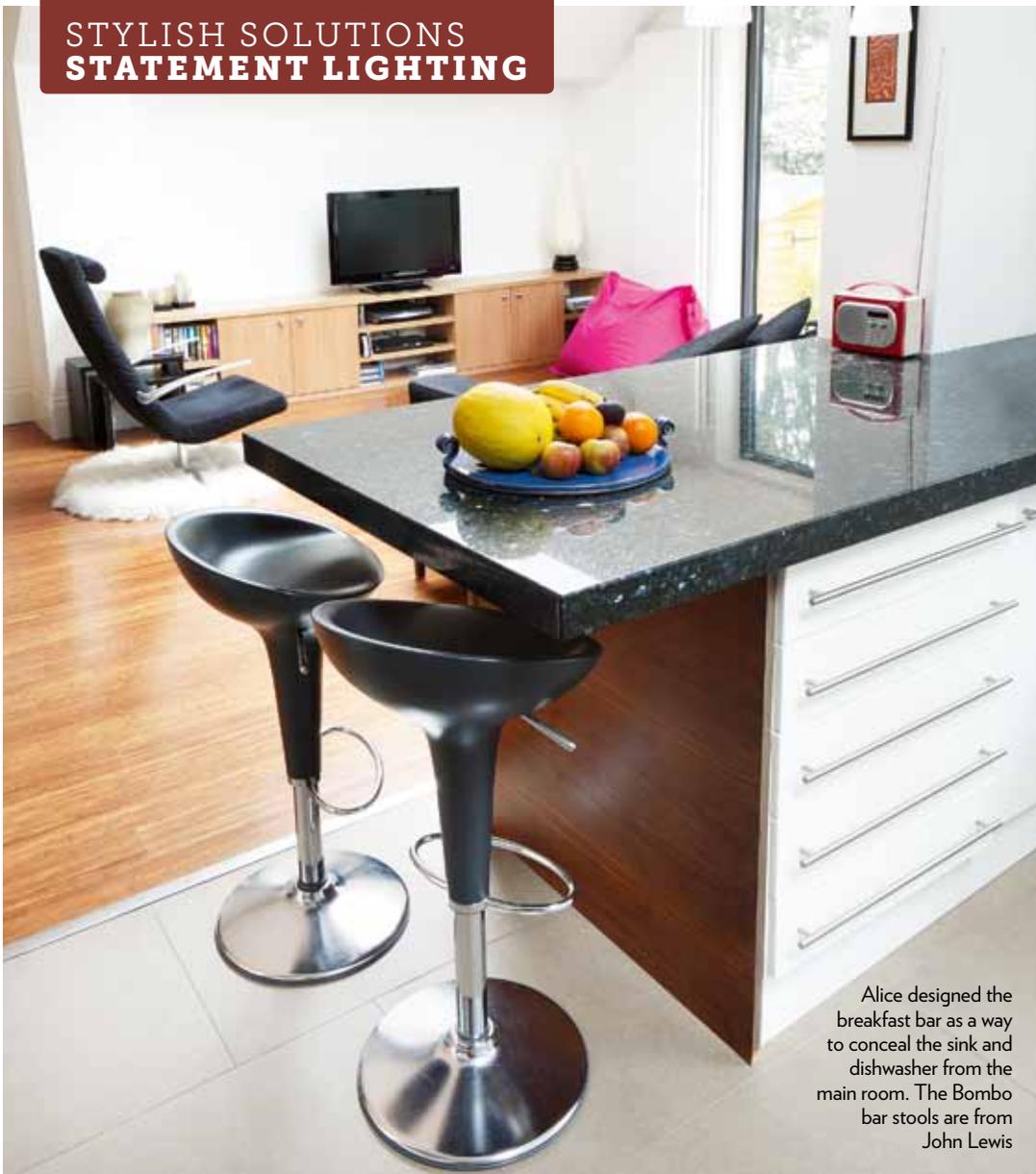


Featuring a clever LED that glows blue when running cold water and red when hot, this illuminated, swivel Arm kitchen tap is a smart idea for families with small children. It costs £495 from Ziggizigi

'WE WISH WE'D KNOWN...

...to include more than one recycling bin in the scheme. We find it extremely useful and love the fact that it's built into a cupboard, rather than on the back doorstep!

STYLISH SOLUTIONS STATEMENT LIGHTING



Alice designed the breakfast bar as a way to conceal the sink and dishwasher from the main room. The Bombo bar stools are from John Lewis



Hiding the recycling bin behind a cabinet door means the floor remains clutter-free

OWNER'S TIP

'If your kitchen is an awkward shape, go for a bespoke design. When you buy off the peg, you can be tempted by what's on offer, even if it's not right for the space'

meant that we had to put in a steel girder. We were also able to incorporate new windows, with folding doors that open out to the garden.

What design did you decide on?

We were starting from scratch, so it was like working with a blank canvas. We had to really consider what we wanted – it's odd, you think you know your own style but when you're given unlimited choice it forces you to think again. We wanted something sharp and modern, so we decided on a white hi-gloss kitchen. Alice thought that teaming it with walnut would be an interesting contrast – her idea was to give the kitchen a more organic feel and keep it from looking too sterile.

What inspired your lighting?

We felt that with all the white units, walls and ceilings it was an opportunity to do something a bit different where the lighting was

concerned. We chose colour-changing lights after seeing them in hotels and restaurants as we thought we could do something similar.

Did you have any particular requirements?

Experience has shown us that it's more practical to have your oven away from your hob, at a similar level, rather than underneath it. It's easier to move items between the two and it involves less bending down. Also, we built up the worktop so that it was at a higher level for comfort.

What made you choose a granite worktop?

We felt that granite provided a hardwearing, easily maintainable surface. We'd seen it in other people's houses and loved it.

Is your kitchen as you imagined it would be?

Absolutely. The design fits perfectly and we use it much more than we did our last kitchen. We cook more, we weigh more, but we're happy. ☐

SHOP THE LOOK

CABINETRY

■ Bespoke white hi-gloss units with walnut veneer furniture, made by Trojan Joinery, designed by Alice Poole Architects. Total cost, cabinetry only **£10,487**

WORKSURFACES

■ Emerald Pearl granite, Steve Bristow Stone Masonry. Total cost **£3,700**

SPLASHBACK

■ Glass panel, NewGlass. Total cost **£759**

FLOORING

■ Lancia Khaki porcelain tiles, The Stone & Ceramic Warehouse. Price per sq m **£65**
 ■ Oak boards, for similar, try The Natural Wood Floor Company. Price per sq m **£39**

APPLIANCES

■ Built-in double oven, Bosch **£590**
 ■ Freestanding microwave, Panasonic **£115**
 ■ Five-burner, gas-on-glass hob, Neff **£810**
 ■ Chimney extractor hood, AEG **£356**
 ■ Integrated American-style fridge freezer, John Lewis **£1,799**
 ■ Fully integrated dishwasher, Bosch **£380**

SINK AND TAP

■ Icerock undermounted one-and-a-half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Kohler **£598**
 ■ Olympus monobloc mixer tap in Silk Steel, Franke **£223**

FINISHING TOUCHES

■ LEDs, Aurora Lighting. Total cost **£750**
 ■ Bombo bar stools, John Lewis, each **£349**
 ■ Pendant lights, for similar, try Original BTC Hector Bone China, Heal's, each **£110**
 ■ Chair, for similar try Trento, BoConcept **£1,295**
 ■ Toaster, Russell Hobbs **£29.99**

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