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White worktops This year's must-have surface



supports. The extension was built over a few months and an outside window knocked through to connect the new kitchen space with the dining room extension,' says Lisa. 'It was during this time that I became aware of the original features in the kitchen, particularly the old Suffolk bricks and the existing timber frames and I was determined to keep them. It was important that my new kitchen related to the fabric of the building, as well as reflect our family's needs.'

Keen to support a local business, Lisa invited five kitchen companies to quote, but felt deflated when only three kept their appointments and just one submitted a kitchen plan. 'Once again, nobody was listening and the plans were nowhere near what we wanted,' explains Lisa. 'Then a friend recommended Simon's Kitchens, who had built a kitchen for her home. As soon as Aled and I met Simon Criddle it all fell into place, as he took the trouble to get to know us as a family. I showed him my wish list and said to him, "I want an island but I don't do squares!", which made him laugh.'

Simon's initial designs included a table as he wasn't aware of the dining room extension. 'When he discovered that he had all this extra space to play with, he was over the moon and it was then that we came up with the idea for the island and a breakfast bar,' recalls Lisa. 'When we discussed colour, I told him that I wanted raspberry and his eyes lit up. My family thought I was mad but I was adamant.'

Six months of planning, building and installation work have culminated in a kitchen and living space designed to suit the whole family, allowing Lisa to spend more time cooking with her children. 'If there is one important skill you should pass on to your children, it is how to cook. It is a passion of mine to teach young people how to do this,' says Lisa. Now she has the perfect environment to do so. **BK**

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WET AREA

A **Farmhouse sink** from Regis at The Kitchen Sink Company is positioned under the window to make the most of views looking out onto open fields. The **Oberon mixer tap** is by Perrin & Rowe



TRADITIONAL LARDER

The **larder unit** could only fit in one corner of the room, so it was disguised as part of the cabinetry and located near to the **fridge freezer** by Maytag, making it quicker and easier for Lisa to unload any shopping

WOODEN SURFACE

Lisa asked for a **horseshoe-shaped breakfast bar** to be created, using American White Oak. 'It's such a lovely social centre and the focal point of my kitchen,' she says



GREAT IDEA

Incorporate curved cabinetry into a more traditional design for added interest



COOKING AREA

The **Macon dual-fuel range cooker** by Lacanche features a powerful five-burner hob and two 55-litre ovens. The **chimney extractor hood** is by Miele

PRICE GUIDE
Cabinetry only
£32,800
for this
Simon's Kitchens
design

THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINERY

- Simon Criddle at **Simon's Kitchens**, 40b Crouch Street, Colchester, Essex CO2 3HH (01206 766005) www.simonskitchens.com
- Bespoke American White oak furniture with hand-painted tulipwood cabinetry

WORKTOPS

- Star Galaxy granite. Price per linear m **£285**
- American White oak. Total price **£1,296**

FLOORING

- Borg Stone Bianco composite tiles, Aldridge Flooring. Price per sq m **£60**

SINK & TAP

- ERF4095 Farmhouse undermounted double-bowl ceramic sink, Regis at The Kitchen Sink Company **£504**
- 4866CP Oberon C-spout monobloc mixer tap with separate rinse, Perrin & Rowe **£290**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- LGI053GECT Macon dual-fuel range cooker in Black, Lacanche **£4,480**
- Built-in microwave, for similar try C54R70, Neff **£520**
- DA2494EXT chimney extractor hood in glass and stainless steel, Miele **£1,022**
- SOV028TB integrated American-style fridge freezer, Maytag **£1,670**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated dishwasher, Neff **£615**

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PLAN SCALE 1cm:1m

