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3 UPDATES FOR TIRED KITCHEN UNITS

1 Buy new doors If the carcasses are sound but you don't love the door style, you can simply buy new doors. Check all dimensions first as unit sizes may vary. Or get new doors tailor-made to fit your units by a company like Just Doors.

2 Apply fresh paint Wood doors can be sanded and repainted with eggshell

paint for a smart new look. For melamine doors, try a specialist spray paint for kitchen units – there's no sanding required.

3 Change the worktop A new worktop and splashback can revitalise a run-of-the-mill kitchen. Invest in natural wood, stone or a composite for a timeless update and add a matching upstand.



Turn over to find out how Clare and Phil created their new kitchen >>>



IDEA Swap full-depth wall cabinets for shallow ones to make a room feel more open

Country views

The muted colours and clutter-free feel let the views across the Severn Valley make more of an impact. 'The view seemed lost before, but now it's a real feature,' says Clare



Food cupboard

The new larder is Clare's favourite feature. Its shelves were built to fit her storage jars and boxes perfectly



Bespoke dresser

Clare and Phil enjoy cooking, so this dresser was built to store their collection of recipe books. It fits neatly into what was an unused area of the kitchen



How we did it

“ Our kitchen company covered each door panel with MDF to hide the fussy Gothic-style pattern, then sanded and painted the frames and replaced the handles. They also removed the old open shelving beside the sink, which made the room look crowded. We kept the layout and appliances but we had a new larder and dresser built to match the revamped units, and replaced our old oven with an integrated dishwasher. We also got rid of the blue tiled worktop and replaced it with an iroko one, adding cream tiles behind the range. Removing the shelving, replastering and tiling cost around £2,000, and the work took two weeks. ”

WHERE TO BUY ITEMS SHOWN

Cabinetry refurbishment and iroko **worktops**, around £5,000; **dresser**, from £1,200; **larder**, from £2,000; Premium Black granite **worktops** (by AGA), £200; all Woodchester Cabinet Makers. **Cabinets** painted in Bone estate eggshell, £42.50 for 2.5ltr; walls painted in White Tie estate emulsion, £26.50 for 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball. Ionian 4172 **tap**, £240, Perrin & Rowe. Cracked Brick Cream **tiles**, £60 per sq m, Tile Trader. **Blinds** made in Up In The Air, £39 per m, Vanessa Arbuthnott. For similar **table and chairs**, try the Cargo American oak, from £999 for a table and four chairs, Frances Hunt. Pendant **light**, from £180, Trainspotters. **Chopping board**, £9.50; enamel **jars**, £15 for three; all Marks & Spencer. **Tea towels**, £5.99 for five, Sainsbury's. **Bread bin**, £65; **Salt pig**, £16; all Nigella Lawson range, John Lewis. For similar **mixing bowl**, try Divertimenti's, £20.50

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