



EBONY & IVORY

A practical breakfast bar was the starting point for the Halls' contemporary kitchen

HOB AREA

The **four-zone ceramic hob** by Neff is one of Fiona's favourite appliances. 'It works with a removable, magnetic "Point & Twist" control and is so easy to use compared to my old hob,' she explains

CABINET LIGHTING

When Fiona and Tony saw the **LED lights** fitted into plinths in C&C Kitchens's showroom, they knew they had to have them. 'I love the sense of drama the lights bring to the kitchen in the evenings,' reveals Fiona

GREAT IDEA

Highlighting your floor by installing subtle lighting in kitchen plinths can make a big impact





CABINERY

Fiona fell in love with the **Ebony** hi-gloss furniture from Second Nature's **Avant** range at C&C Kitchens as soon as she saw it

WORKTOPS

Crema Sabbia Arenastone composite quartz contrasts well against the dark cabinetry

FLOORING

Pale **Rainforest White** porcelain tiles from Hatfield Tile Centre cover the floor



FIONA AND TONY HALL LIVE IN HERTFORDSHIRE WITH THEIR DAUGHTER, AMELIE, ALMOST FOUR

It was the arrival of their daughter Amelie that made Fiona and Tony Hall realise the dated, cramped kitchen in the home they'd lived in for five years would need to go. The poor layout and limited size really hit home with three of them in the house. 'It was impossible for Amelie to be in the kitchen with me while I was cooking,' explains Fiona. 'There wasn't even space for a table in there.'

The solution was to extend across the back of the house and create an L-shaped kitchen and dining space. Fiona and Tony began visiting high-street kitchen retailers, but couldn't find any designs that appealed to them. In the end, inspiration came from a source closer to home. 'My cousin had used C&C Kitchens and recommended it,' recalls Fiona. 'It had a good range of styles and ticked all the boxes.'

Once the couple had decided on the company, the design process could start. 'My absolute must-

have was the breakfast bar,' says Fiona. 'It allows Amelie to eat while I continue cooking, plus it's ideal when we're entertaining as people congregate around it, so I don't feel left out.'

Designer Michael Percy, from C&C Kitchens, suggested various design details for the open-plan space, such as curved drawers and different-sized units, but when it came to appliances, Fiona and Tony did some careful research. 'We looked into the type of appliances we wanted, as space had been limited in the old kitchen,' says Fiona. 'I'd always wanted an American-style fridge freezer, so was thrilled when I found out Michael had been able to fit it in to the room.'

The building work all went smoothly, apart from a small hiccup. 'After the extension was finished, we found the steel work that supported it was in the way,' says Fiona. 'Michael had to tweak the new layout, but we got there in the end!'

Now the kitchen is complete, the couple are delighted with it. The fact that they can eat, cook and entertain as a family has made all the building work and upheaval worthwhile. 'We love the finished kitchen,' says Fiona. 'It's even better than we imagined and bigger than we anticipated - you could even say it's changed our lives.'

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'I WISH I'D KNOWN HOW MUCH UPHEAVAL THE EXTENSION WOULD CREATE. IF WE EVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS AGAIN, WE'LL BE PREPARED'



BREAKFAST BAR
The streamlined island divides up the open-plan kitchen, with bar stools from Atlantic Shopping

EXTRACTOR HOOD
Sitting above the hob, a Plaza chimney extractor in black glass and stainless steel adds a modern touch

APPLIANCES
The built-in single oven sits below a combination microwave and next to an American-style fridge freezer, all by Neff. 'Tony loves having the luxury of an ice maker and filtered water on tap,' says Fiona. 'I'm sure it's his favourite thing in the entire kitchen!'



PRICE GUIDE
Starting price
£12,000
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Kitchens
design



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...the curved shape of these drawer fronts

THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINETRY

- Michael Pearcy at **C&C Kitchens**, 797 Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 3PN (020 8363 7244) www.candckitchens.net
- Ebony hi-gloss cabinetry from the Avant range by Second Nature

WORKTOPS

- Crema Sabbia Arenastone. Price per linear m **£300**

FLOORING

- Rainforest White porcelain tiles, Hatfield Tile Centre. Price per sq m **£50**

SINK & TAP

- 735-U BlancoSupreme undermounted one-and-a-half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Blanco **£423**
- BlancoEye C-spout monobloc mixer tap in brushed steel, Blanco **£187**
- Waste disposal unit, for similar try Evolution 200, In-Sink-Erator **£295**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- B15M42 built-in single oven, Neff **£490**

- C57M70 built-in combination microwave, Neff **£735**
- T13T82 four-zone ceramic hob, Neff **£716**
- Plaza chimney extractor hood in black glass and stainless steel, Elica **£991**
- K3990 American-style fridge freezer, Neff **£1,895**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated dishwasher, Neff **£500**

