



FA TO white out

With a brief for a minimal design to make the most of the natural light, Vivienne Warman of Kitchen Coordination created a scheme with a monochrome palette that maximises the link between indoors and out

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The owners of this kitchen in Twickenham were in search of more space for their growing family – so they enlisted the help of TW10 Architects's Sergio Olave to design a light-filled side and rear extension. Before works began, he recommended Vivienne Warman, designer at Kitchen Coordination, for the kitchen design. The couple asked her to create a minimal scheme. Base units to one side, a central island doubling as a breakfast bar, and a bank of tall units with built-in appliances to the other side, create a double-galley layout. "When starting a kitchen redesign, it's really important to have a clear plan of the layout and location of key appliances before any building work commences," says Vivienne. "The builders will need to know where to place water outlets and electricity points, so you must be sure they'll be located where they'll be practical for your day-to-day use."

Factfile

Who lives here?

A young couple with two children.

What type of house is it?

A three-bedroom Victorian terraced house in Twickenham.

What was the aim of this design project?

To create a simple, contemporary kitchen within a new extension that would take full advantage of the natural light.

Who designed it?

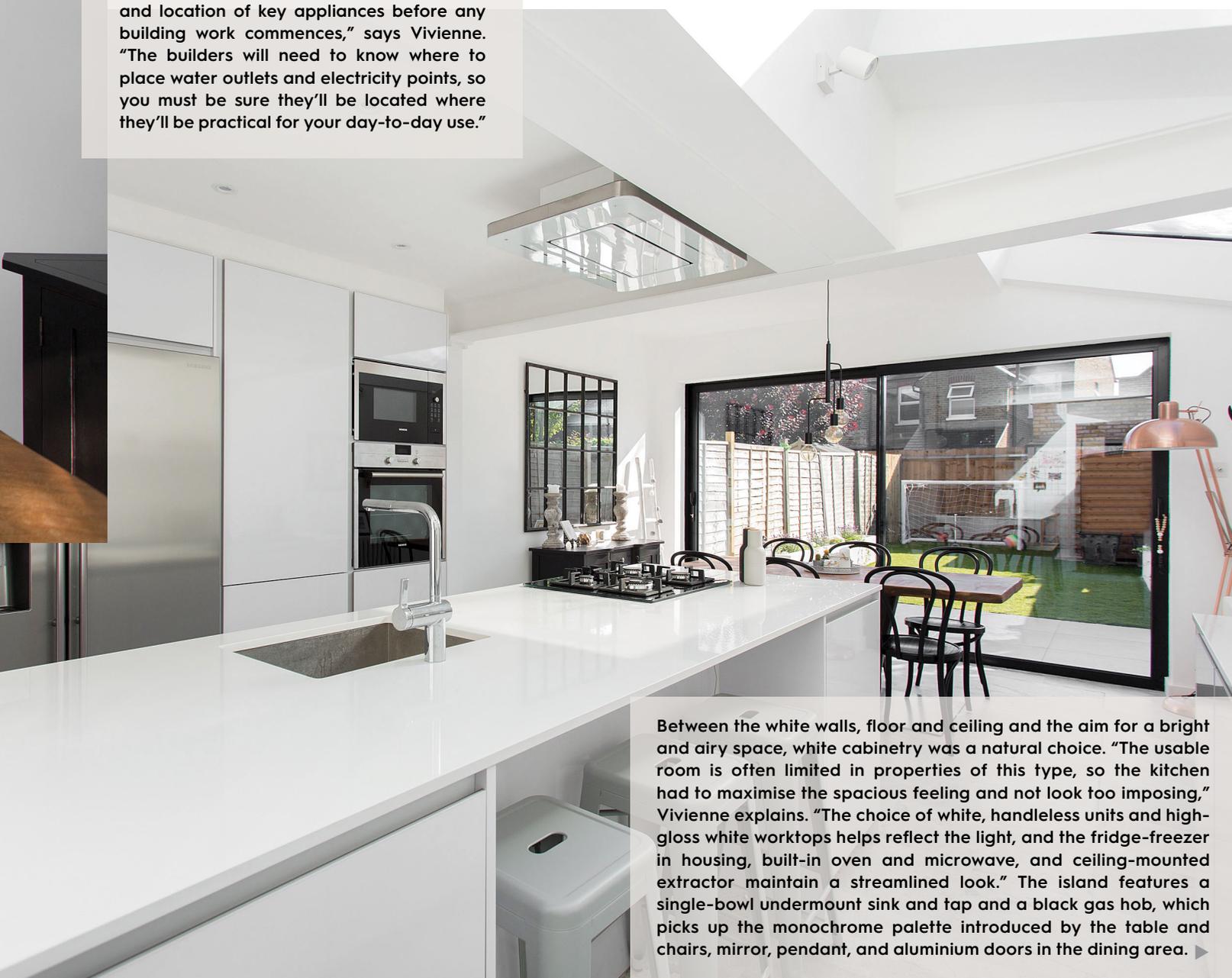
TW10 Architects planned the side-return and rear extension, and Vivienne Warman at Kitchen Coordination created the kitchen.

How much did it cost?

A similar extension would cost around £75,000 and a similar kitchen would cost from £10,000.

How long did it take?

Eight weeks.



Between the white walls, floor and ceiling and the aim for a bright and airy space, white cabinetry was a natural choice. "The usable room is often limited in properties of this type, so the kitchen had to maximise the spacious feeling and not look too imposing," Vivienne explains. "The choice of white, handleless units and high-gloss white worktops helps reflect the light, and the fridge-freezer in housing, built-in oven and microwave, and ceiling-mounted extractor maintain a streamlined look." The island features a single-bowl undermount sink and tap and a black gas hob, which picks up the monochrome palette introduced by the table and chairs, mirror, pendant, and aluminium doors in the dining area. ▶

“With limited space, the island was designed to be as functional as possible, so includes the hob, sinks, dishwasher, wine storage unit, and washing machine, as well as the breakfast bar. It features as much storage as possible, including deep drawers and plenty of cupboard space.”

Vivienne Warman, designer at Kitchen Coordination



The owners were keen to create a connection between the front and back of the house and ensure the living, kitchen, and dining spaces felt connected. However, they also wanted some degree of separation – so instead of knocking down the original dividing wall between the front two reception rooms, it was partially retained with two stepped doorways leading between the areas. This meant the kitchen island could be placed close to the central part of the dividing wall, making best use of the available space and helping to draw the eye through the room.



Reduced-depth base units were selected for the far side of the kitchen so their profile would be more in line with the sliding glass doors and ensure the walkway through the kitchen was wide enough. The couple and Vivienne decided wall units would interrupt the flow of light from the new skylights, so they installed simple, white open shelving on the wall instead. This area, adjacent to the breakfast bar, is now used as a tea and coffee station, as well as for storing non-perishable foods. ▶



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To give the owners more space, Sergio Olave designed a contemporary, light-filled extension to the property's side and rear, to form the open-plan kitchen-diner. Although a new addition, the L-shaped wrap-around extension was built using bricks to match the house's original structure, so blends seamlessly.

Introducing more natural light into the extended space was a key part of the design brief, so Sergio included a number of large, pitched rooflights which can be opened and closed mechanically. They also serve to improve airflow. This glazing – alongside the slim-frame aluminium sliding doors that span the room’s width and offer step-free access to the garden – creates a good connection to the outdoors and ensure the kitchen-diner is filled with light all year round.

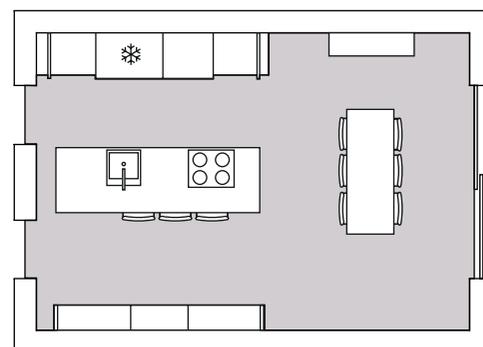


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Sergio Olave, TW10 Architects



THE PLANS

The owners built a side and rear extension to house the kitchen-diner and boost their living space.





SOURCE BOOK

DESIGN

Architects TW10 Architects (020 8940 7704 or tw10architects.com)

Kitchen Kitchen Coordination (020 8958 6262 or kitchencoordination.co.uk)

Sliding doors Urban and Grey (020 8003 6290 or urbanandgrey.co.uk)

Rooflights Roof Maker (0116 214 5839 or roof-maker.co.uk)

KITCHEN

Cabinetry Tio high-gloss laminate units, Rational (rational.de/en), Kitchen Coordination, as before

Worktop Quarella (quarella.com)

Appliances Fridge-freezer, Samsung (0330 726 7864 or samsung.com/uk); Oven, microwave and hob, all Siemens (0344 892 8999 or siemens-home.co.uk); Dishwasher, for similar try AEG (0344 561 1611 or aeg.co.uk); Wine storage unit, CDA (01949 862012 or cda.eu); Extractor, for similar try Falmec (0845 338 1761 or falmec.co.uk)

Sink Blanco (01923 635200 or blanco.co.uk)

Tap For similar try Tap Warehouse (01202 556655 or tapwarehouse.com)

Flooring For similar try Topps Tiles (0800 783 6262 or toppstiles.co.uk)

Barstools For similar try Atlantic Shopping (0121 230 1644 or atlanticshopping.co.uk)

DINING AREA

Table For similar try Furniture Village (0800 804 8879 or furniturevillage.co.uk)

Chairs For similar try Wayfair (0800 169 0423 or wayfair.co.uk)

Floor lamp For similar try Habitat (0344 499 4686 or habitat.co.uk)

Mirror For similar try Maisons du Monde (0808 234 2172 or maisonsdumonde.com)

Dresser For similar try The Old Cinema (020 8995 4166 or theoldcinema.co.uk)

Pendant light For similar try Plumen (020 7650 7882 or plumen.com)

COST

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