



Positioned to give a clear view of the oak-beamed dining area and the sleek courtyard garden beyond, the practical island unit takes centre stage in the kitchen.

TIME FOR CHANGE

Take one vintage clock, add modern aspirations and mix together for a cool family kitchen.

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‘Three unique elements give this kitchen a little personal history.’

When it comes to planning a new kitchen, there are many things that might be the starting point for the design. Not very often, however, is this a vintage railway station clock, but that’s exactly where Jeanne and Tim Flynn began. ‘The clock dictates everything,’ says Jeanne with a laugh. ‘Tim bought it years ago from a London antique shop and it has become a much-loved family heirloom. Wherever we go, the clock comes with us.’

With the clock in tow, the couple, their four children Jack, 13, Chase, 11, Zoe, 10 and Grace, 8, plus Cosmo the Golden Retriever, recently returned from a stay in Barcelona. Moving back into their Victorian home in south west London, they were faced with a kitchen of wall-to-wall wood units and dark green marble countertops, so Jeanne decided it was time for a change. ‘We were ready for something fresher and brighter,’ she recalls.

While Tim was busy having the clock re-wired after its Spanish sojourn, Jeanne met up with Vivienne Warman, designer at Kitchen Co-ordination. ‘I had previously seen one of Vivienne’s kitchens in *EKBB* so looked on her website and saw several more that I absolutely loved. It was an easy decision to make,’ Jeanne explains. ‘My brief was for something light in colour with a modern feel and hardwearing qualities – with four kids about, it had to be able to withstand heavy use,’ she says. ‘It also needed to have plenty of storage and, of course, to fit around the clock.’

It was a challenge that Vivienne took entirely in her stride, quickly suggesting Puro ➔

KITCHEN PROFILE

A soft grey colour palette accentuates the contemporary feel of this streamlined kitchen featuring Rational Puro furniture in high gloss Camee. Teamed with a large island in Zodiaq Gravel Grey quartz, matching work surfaces, family-sized storage and professional-style wet zone ensure top-notch functionality. Acrylic optic glass door edges and brushed steel handles create a smart and clean-lined finish.

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Kitchen prices start from £10,000.**



Believed to originate from the 1950s, the Polish factory lights unite with oversized elements to add a truly individual touch.



cabinetry for its streamlined appearance and light, glossy Camee colour. 'The room is large, but quite an unusual shape with a chimney breast, angled corner and different ceiling heights,' explains Vivienne. 'I put a lot of thought into working out the best options to maximise both the storage and work surface space to ensure that it would be a room that functions as well as it looks.'

A sweep of tall cabinets houses the fridge freezers, ovens and butler's pantry, while cunningly angled corner wall units link the run to the hob area. While the clock enjoys pride of place on the chimney breast, more wall units with a series of tall cabinets to the left provide ample storage space, connecting to a desk area for family paperwork. Adding definition to the room design, Gravel

Grey quartz worktops wrap the large island, while a lighter shade of grey has been used on the splashback. The combination creates a soft urban backdrop to the vintage factory lights hung above the island, which echo the utilitarian style of the clock. A splash of vibrant colour is added by the Union Jack artwork made from the children's handprints, which was framed as a special birthday present ➔

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Opposite Sleek Puro units in subtle Camee provide ample storage, their edges finished in smart opaque glass.

Left Varying tones of grey are echoed in the quartz worktop and glass splashback which is painted on the reverse.

Below Keen cook Tim specifically requested two ovens, a microwave, a gas and an induction hob, plus a wide sink and professional-style tap for washing up.





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for Tim. ‘I think these three elements give the kitchen a little bit of life and personal history,’ says Jeanne. ‘And I love the way they contrast with the clean-lined, contemporary cabinetry.’

Now the room has a much more open, inviting and spacious feel. ‘It has all come together so well,’ says Miami-born Jeanne. ‘In America, we would call this a ‘great room’ as there’s plenty of space for everyone in the family to be together. While Tim or I are fixing dinner, the kids can be in here doing their homework or sitting with friends, then we can all sit down for family mealtimes.’ ■



Above Neatly concealing family essentials, a wall-hung sideboard has one cupboard for each child.

Right The well-lit island unit makes a handy perch for Jeanne to browse her design magazines.

STOCKISTS INFORMATION

APPLIANCES

H5240 BP single ovens, £1,277 each; M8161-2 microwave, £690; ESW5080-14 warming drawer, £598; KM371G gas hob, £1,109; CS1212-11 induction hob, £1,095; G5585 SCVi XXL integrated dishwasher, £1,199, all at Miele; ICN 3066 integrated fridge freezer, £1,176; IKB 3660 integrated fridge, £1,269, both at Liebherr; Elibloc 9 80 2M integrated extractor hood, £175, at Elica; DOM BCI Zip Hydro boiling and chilled filtered water tap, £2,219, at Zip Heaters (UK); Evolution 200 waste disposal, £420, at InSinkErator.

FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS

BlancoMaster-S Baby mixer, £445; BlancoPerforma Super Bowl sink, £459, both at Blanco; Zodiac Gravel Grey quartz worktops, £550 per linear m; Grey back painted glass splashback, from £1,200, both at Kitchen Co-ordination; Limestone floor tiles, from a selection, at Indigenous; Vintage pendant lights, from a selection, at Elemental; Plank Miura stools, £162 each, at Made In Design; Similar dining table Flagstone, £1,200; similar dining chairs Antique Country, £175 each, both at Furniture Barn. Similar clock, 5192, £265, at London Timepiece. *Prices are approximate. For stockists, see page 160.