

Period House

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Bruno discovered this antique oak dining table, sideboard and chairs in a local antique shop. The dining table accommodates 6 – 8 people and provides ample room for intimate dinner parties.



Above The flagstone floor was already in place when Bruno moved in, although it requires maintenance and polishing twice a year.

Left Bruno discovered a wooden crate used to store and transport vintage bottles in a flea market in Provence. Today it contains a selection of his favourite wines displayed on the windowsill, complementing the original rustic brickwork in the window bay.

Green pastures

Bruno Cappuccini's new kitchen features traditional hand-painted bespoke cabinetry with modern granite and stainless steel appliances for a timeless look.

Four years ago, Bruno Cappuccini finally called a halt to his London life and traded in his career working as an investment banker living in London. This was to establish a partnership with lifelong friends to invest and renovate a property in the Cotswolds. "The house is situated in one of the prettier and less unspoilt Cotswold villages as so many have now been taken over by the recent arrival of new developments," Bruno reflects. "I had a strong feeling as soon as I stepped foot inside, that this was the place to lay down country roots. This would be perfect for me to enjoy a slower pace of life and, most

importantly, be closer to my eight-year-old son Luca."

As Bruno found the house required urgent modernisation in parts, he rented a property nearby and spent the following year renovating it before finally moving in March 2005. "I love old-style buildings and the house ticked all the right boxes as it provided me with enough space without the feeling of being a small cottage," he explains. "Working as a property developer, I had a clear vision of what I wanted to achieve – all of which had to be sympathetic to the structure of the house."

The kitchen presented Bruno with >>

INSIDE INFO:



Who lives here?

Bruno Cappuccini lives inside this Grade II Listed converted Victorian school in a picturesque village nestling in the heart of the Cotswolds. Originally built as a barn, it became the village school in 1860 and was converted to a house in 1964.

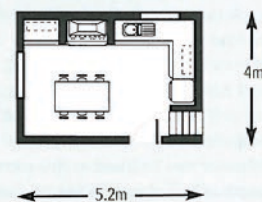
What improvements have been made?

Bruno maintained the original 18th century façade and completely renovated the interior and redesigned the layout of the kitchen to make it flow as an open-plan kitchen diner.

Kitchen profile:

Bruno selected a bespoke Shaker-style kitchen hand-painted in 'Ball Green' by Farrow & Ball from Woodchester Cabinet Makers, where prices start at £18,000.

KITCHEN FLOOR PLAN:





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the biggest challenge in the house as the original layout didn't seem to make the best use of space and contained poor quality fittings. “My starting point began with the emerald green Aga that I inherited with the house, which looked rather sorry for itself! It had previously been converted from solid fuel into an oil-fuel stove,” explains Bruno. He adds: “I was recommended a specialist company based in Somerset who arranged to collect and dismantle it and take it back to their premises to recondition it.” Bruno was delighted to find it came back looking like new and had been re-enamelled with a new coat of paint.

After browsing through various homes magazines, Bruno found the perfect kitchen design solution closer to home. Designers Tim Buckingham and Lee Hathaway of Woodchester Cabinet Makers are good, trusted friends of his and he admits they often enjoy a round of golf together. Bruno was looking for a truly bespoke kitchen and he explains: “Woodchester was brilliant as this company accommodated all of my wishes for the new kitchen, including extra deep units with

especially wide worktops and sourced appliances. Their cabinet range can be hand-painted in a variety of colours by Farrow & Ball, who, in my opinion, produce quality tones to suit older style buildings.”

Bruno, Tim and Lee redesigned the new layout to suit the original position of the reconditioned Aga. To accommodate the large fridge freezer in the far corner, a fixed cupboard with false doors has been installed to conceal the staircase winder. For Bruno, the attention to detail, preparation and planning were certainly well worth the wait. “My kitchen is functional, traditional in design and fits the space perfectly, which compliments the rest of the house,” he concludes. **PH**

Above Bruno prefers to use his Aga during the winter and the more modern two-ring ceramic hob and combination oven in the summer. Above the Aga is a useful utensil rail and a mantle shelf that displays his cookery book collection.

Above right The sunken Belfast sink offers two bowls for washing and rinsing and adds real period charm to this Shaker-style country kitchen.

FOCUS ON:
keeping it traditional

- Choose a paint finish from a heritage range that will enable the walls of your period property to breathe. Soft distempers – traditional paint made from crushed chalk and glue, are ideal for stone, brick or timber. Try the Potmolen Paint Company in Wiltshire (tel: 01985 213960).
- If you have inherited a redundant Aga or need to have yours serviced and reconditioned, contact Country Style Cookers to choose from a variety of colours or arrange to recondition your own model. Tel: 01432 342351 or visit www.countrystyle-cookers.com
- Scour antique shops, fairs or visit reclamation yards to salvage furniture items that will give your home more of an authentic feel. To find a salvage yard near you, visit www.salvo.co.uk



Address book

- Aga-Rayburn**, tel: 08457 125 207 or visit www.agarayburn.co.uk
Amana (fridge freezer), visit www.amana.co.uk
Brass and Traditional Sinks Ltd, tel: 01291 650743 or visit www.sinks.co.uk
Bristol Marble Company Ltd (nero Africa granite worktops), tel: 0117 965 6565 or visit www.bristolmarble.com
Farrow & Ball (paint), tel: 01202 876141 or visit www.farrow-ball.com
Miele (Domino hob, integrated dishwasher and combination microwave oven), tel: 01235 554 455 or visit www.miele.co.uk
Perrin and Rowe (Ionian mixer tap with crosshead handles in chrome), tel: 01708 526361 or visit www.avilion.co.uk
Villeroy & Boch (sink), tel: 0208 871 4028 or visit www.villeroy-boch.co.uk
Woodchester Cabinet Makers (Tim Buckingham and Lee Hathaway) Unit N6A Inchbrook Trading Estate, Woodchester, Nr Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 5EY, tel: 01453 835580 or visit www.woodchestercabinetmakers.co.uk