

PROPERTY PROJECT

New space

Veronica and Andrew Pride chose a colourful bespoke design for their spacious extended kitchen

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WHO LIVES HERE?

Veronica Pride, partner in Landart Gardens (07940 804505, landartgardens.co.uk), and her husband Andrew, a GP.

WHERE IS IT? Stroud.

KITCHEN DIMENSIONS

5x3.8m.

WHAT CHANGED?

Knocked through to dining area, installed new windows and laid underfloor heating.

When we bought our house the original kitchen was rather small and dark. We doubled the space by gutting it back to the stonework and removing an old larder and a stud wall that separated the kitchen from a dining area. Then we rewired, replastered and replumbed and laid wet-system underfloor heating and French limestone tiles. Woodchester Cabinet Makers hand-built the Shaker-style units, and we chose antiqued granite worktops and white ceramic handles to finish off the look. Finally, we splashed out on smart new Neff appliances.



Veronica Pride

Colour choice

Units in pale green work beautifully with the light floor tiles and walls, while providing contrast with the dark worktops.

Steel accents

A stainless steel splashback echoes the stainless steel used elsewhere, such as on the double ovens and taps.



Timeless flooring

Large limestone floor tiles in random lengths add interest as well as being a practical, easy-to-clean option.

THE PROJECT

- The couple wanted a much bigger kitchen-dining area, sensitive to the style of the house, with access to a new garden room and the garden.
- There was no window at all in the south-facing wall of the kitchen. A back door which led to a concrete porch was removed (as was the porch) and in its place a large, south-facing window was installed.
- An east-facing window was removed and replaced with a double glass door leading to the newly built sunroom.
- The window sills are all created from local limestone which links the external stonework with the limestone floor.
- The Prides chose French limestone flags for the floor. Stone absorbs heat well and therefore improves the effectiveness of the new underfloor heating. The flagstones are also in keeping with the style of the house.

Shaker style

The couple chose white ceramic knobs for the units, to match the classic butler's sink from Villeroy & Boch.



VERONICA'S KEY PIECES

- **Hand-painted handmade Shaker-style units**, £16,860, Woodchester Cabinet Makers, 01453 835580, woodchester.cabinetmakers.co.uk.
- **Painted in Reseda flat emulsion**, £32.50 for 2.5ltr, 020 7590 9860 The Paint and Paper Library, paintlibrary.co.uk.
- **80 double bowl butler's sink**, £500, Villeroy & Boch, villeroy-boch.com.
- **Phoenician pewter finish**

- taps**, £220, Perrin and Rowe, 01708 526361, perrinandrowe.com.
- **Single B16E74 oven**, £820; **S54M45 dishwasher**, £400; **D5625 extractor fan**, £80; **K9524 fridge-freezer**, £650; **C67P70 combi microwave**, £970; all Neff, 0844 892 8921, neff.co.uk.
- **Nero Africa Impala Antique granite worktops**, £3,500, Bristol Marble & Granite

- Co Ltd, 0117 965 6565, bristolmarbleandgranite.com.
- **French Rheims random-length limestone floor tiles**, £50 per sq m, Beswick Stone, 01285 869670, beswickstone.co.uk.
- **Walls painted in Almond White emulsion**, £20 for 2.5ltr; **woodwork painted in Chalk White satinwood**, £16 for 750ml; both Dulux, 0844 481 7817, dulux.co.uk.
- **Oak dining table and chairs**, for similar try John Lewis, 0845 604 9049, johnlewis.com.

THE BUDGET

Cabinets plus fitting	£16,860
Flooring.....	£865
Worktops.....	£3,500
Sinks and taps.....	£720
Appliances.....	£2,920
TOTAL.....	£24,865



Aged granite
The antiqued granite worktops have a softer texture than polished granite, bringing out the colour in the stone.

Painted units
The units were hand-built by Woodchester Cabinet Makers, then painted in Reseda from The Paint & Paper Library.



Storage options
A clever pull-out corner cupboard makes the best use of the space behind this door, and is great for storing groceries.



SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

Veronica says:
'We are delighted with our kitchen

and cannot think of anything we would change. In terms of appliances, we're very glad we chose an induction hob, it's easy to control, safe and quick to clean. Woodchester Cabinet Makers designed a truly bespoke kitchen to fit round all the strange angles in our old cottage. They were a pleasure to work with.'

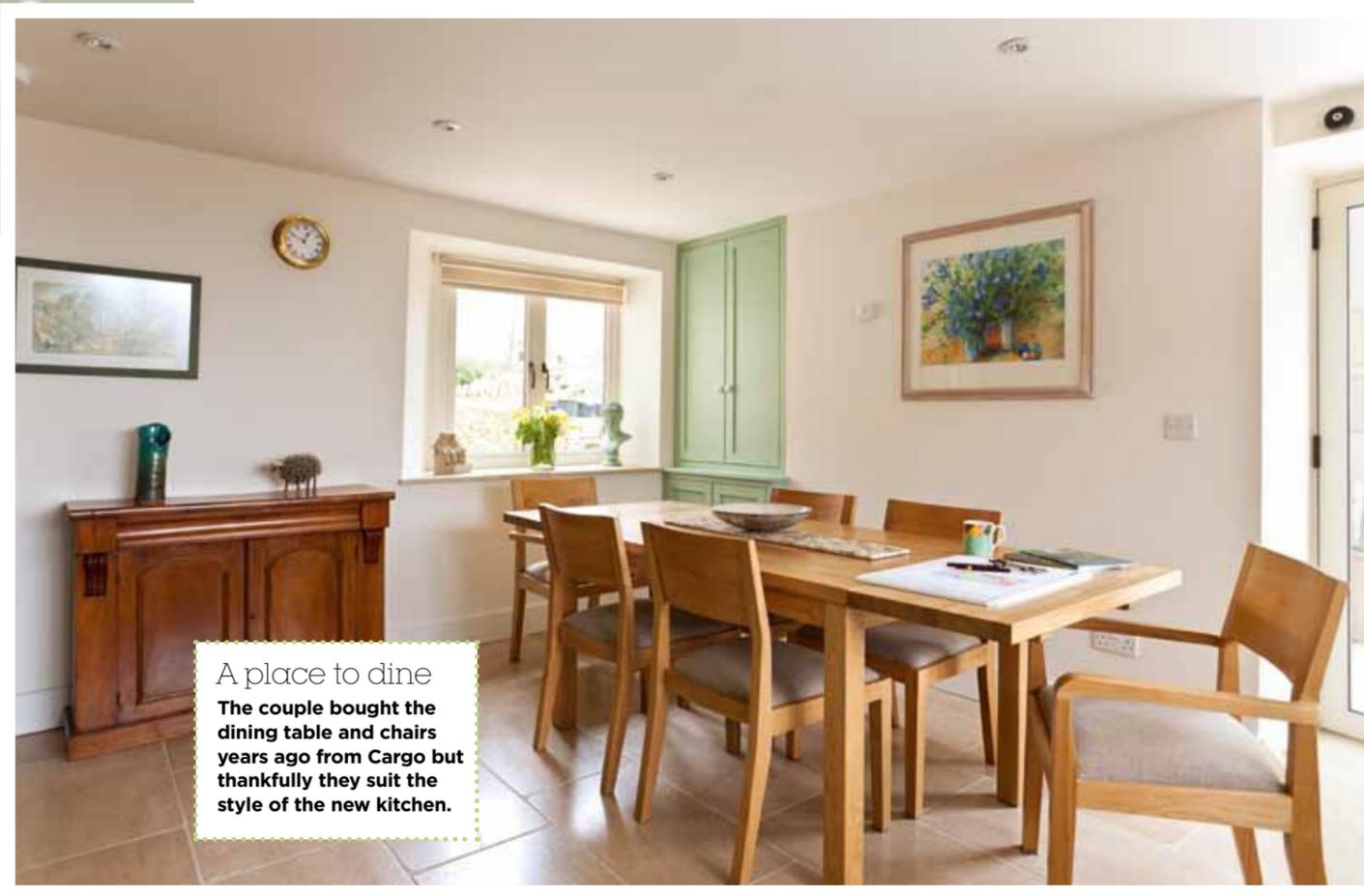


Latest equipment
The couple chose Neff integrated appliances, such as this hidden dishwasher, as well as a cutting-edge induction hob.



Design notes

- * Shaker styling * Antiqued granite
- * Stainless steel
- * Limestone flooring



A place to dine
The couple bought the dining table and chairs years ago from Cargo but thankfully they suit the style of the new kitchen.