

BESPOKE CABINETS

The **handleless hi-gloss units** by P&T Kitchens have been **finished in Pistachio**

WORKTOPS

Blanco Dune Silstone surfaces have built-in antibacterial protection and are also heat-resistant

SEATING

Casanova stools are from Breakfastbarstools

BK says Handleless furniture continues to be popular. Here, the couple have chosen a mix of fingerpulls and push-opening doors

Peppermint CREAM

Andrew Urban and Carolina Pomorska chose a glossy pale green shade to enhance the feeling of space in their newly extended kitchen

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THE OWNER

Carolina says her kitchen inspires her to cook more

'I WISH I'D KNOWN HOW EASY IT IS TO OPEN THE HANDLELESS DRAWERS IF YOU ACCIDENTALLY LEAN AGAINST THEM!'

ANDREW URBAN AND CAROLINA POMORSKA LIVE IN A THREE-BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE IN NORTH LONDON

From the outside, Andrew Urban and Carolina Pomorska's dated townhouse had few redeeming features when they first saw it, but as soon as they walked through the door, they spotted its potential. Before long, they were drawing up plans to gut the house and add a two-storey extension that would transform it into a modern city pad with a large open-plan sitting room, kitchen, utility room and cloakroom.

The couple decided that their new kitchen should have two walls made entirely of glass with concertina-style doors to make the garden appear part of the room. While this made the new space light, it also caused problems with the layout. 'We were left with only one wall for the units and appliances, so it was a struggle to fit everything in,' explains Andrew, who manages a chain of decorators' merchants.

The obvious answer was an island unit and, though Carolina originally preferred the idea of a table and chairs, she now agrees it was the ideal solution. 'Andrew was convinced it would work,' she says. 'As he was the one doing the rounds of all the kitchen showrooms, I agreed with him.'

Having done his research thoroughly, Andrew knew exactly what he wanted by the time he walked into P&T Kitchens, a local business that was recommended by his builder. He immediately felt a connection with the owners, Piotr Wojciechowski and Inga Kopala, who specialised in bespoke kitchens, manufactured in their own factory in Poland. Even better, P&T Kitchens was able to supply hi-gloss units in the precise shade of green he had in mind. 'We saw several samples that weren't quite right,' remembers Andrew. 'In the end, I got the colour mixed at work and P&T matched it.'

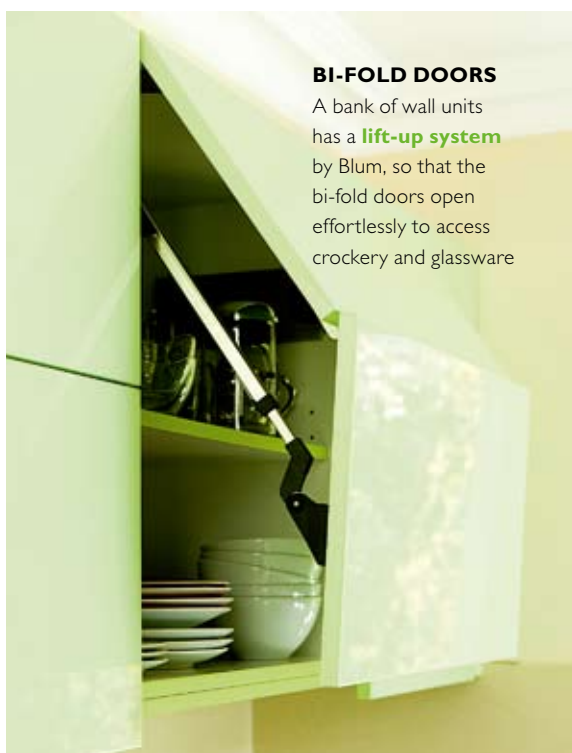
Piotr also understood the couple's concept of a practical, functional kitchen. 'We are both very busy people,' says Carolina, a research analyst. 'As everything else is chaotic, we were looking for simplicity when it came to where we live.'

To maintain the simple lines, most of the appliances have been integrated and the ovens concealed within the island. The only appliance that's really on show is the fridge freezer. 'We intended to have it recessed into an alcove but we were just 10cm short. Fortunately, Piotr came up with the idea of installing larger units on either side,' recalls Andrew.

Carolina admits that, prior to having the new kitchen installed, she and Andrew lived on takeaways and ready meals, but now she's really taken to cooking. 'I love it so much, I'm constantly experimenting with new recipes and now I cook almost every day,' she says. 'It's a brilliant kitchen to work in because everything's in the right place.'

BUILT-UNDER APPLIANCES

A single oven, multifunction oven and warming drawer, all by Neff, are built under the worktop and set on the furthest side of the island to conceal them from the view of the rest of the room. Ample space above creates an area to place hot dishes



BI-FOLD DOORS

A bank of wall units has a lift-up system by Blum, so that the bi-fold doors open effortlessly to access crockery and glassware



FLOORING

Large Sahara Beige porcelain tiles from The Tile Box complement the pale shade of the worktops and keep the scheme light and airy

GLASS DOORS

Tall doors flood the kitchen with daylight and fold back in the warmer months to bring the outside in. The roller blinds came from John Lewis

SMART STORAGE

The hanging rail system for cooking utensils by Zobal was supplied by P&T Kitchens

FINISHING TOUCHES

Retro styling made the Francis Francis! Luca Trazzi espresso maker the couple's best buy

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COOLING

The **American-style fridge freezer** from Bosch is surrounded by an overhead cupboard and a pair of **pull-out larder units**. Its white glass finish tones perfectly with the glossy surface of the cabinetry

LIGHTING

LEDs have been integrated into the plinths to help set the mood for evening entertaining

PRICE GUIDE
Total cost
£27,000
for this
P&T Kitchens
design

THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINETS

- Piotr Wojciechowski at **P&T Kitchens**, 311 Essex Road, London N1 2YG (0800 448 8203) www.northlondonkitchens.co.uk
- Bespoke Pistachio hi-gloss cabinetry

WORKTOPS

- Blanco Dune Silestone. Price per sq m, from **£400**

FLOORING

- Sahara Beige porcelain tiles, The Tile Box. Price per sq m, from **£45**

SINK & TAP

- Blanco Subline 500-U undermounted single-bowl ceramic sink in Crystal White, Blanco **£351**
- Single-lever monobloc mixer tap in chrome, for similar try I3181 Oxygene, Gessi **£143**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- B45E42 built-in single oven, Neff **£792**
- C67M70 built-in multifunction oven, Neff **£854**
- T63R46 five-burner gas hob, Neff **£523**
- N21H40 built-in warming drawer, Neff **£347**
- KAD62S20 integrated American-style fridge freezer, Bosch **£1,840**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Canopy extractor hood in stainless steel, Neff **£227**
- Fully integrated dishwasher, Bosch **£515**

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PLAN SCALE 1cm:1m

