

PERFECT PLANNING

Rather than trying to fit a dream kitchen into an existing room, it can pay dividends to have a whole new space built from scratch





When Terry Adams bought his Edwardian house he knew it had the potential to be made considerably larger. He explains, "I was keen to create a fourth bedroom and en-suite together with a new kitchen, and dining room, I wanted a 'live in' kitchen which would be a modern ergonomic space that would also provide a social environment."

Terry had seen two Chiselwood kitchens at friends' homes and had been impressed with the build quality and flawless finishes. But the main reason that he approached this particular company was that he had a key feature in mind. "I wanted the island to be curved around to the exact dimensions of the room," he points out. "Many kitchen designers don't actually make what they design so they're restricted in what they can offer. In contrast, Chiselwood have an experienced team of cabinet makers who build the designs from

scratch, so I knew that I would get exactly what I wanted."

The spacious new kitchen was to serve as the centre piece of the house, where family and friends could congregate and socialise. Function was just as important as form so high on Terry's list of must-haves were two ovens (realised by a single oven and a combination microwave) and an induction hob with no surface controls. Terry also wanted an integrated bar with beer and wine cooling independent of the refrigerator. In order to make the most of the curved island design he was also keen to have a round hob extraction and light system. Practical considerations aside, he was happy to leave the details in the capable hands of Martin Holliday, Chiselwood's Design Director.

"As the kitchen was being installed I could see how all of the components such as the cupboard front finish, handles and the

chocolate trims came together to create a striking, cohesive whole. I was very glad that I left these details to Martin," Terry explains. "After all I believe that this is exactly why you should choose an experienced designer!"

The kitchen has a contemporary look, but its classic appeal also demonstrates the years of training required to achieve such flawless cabinet-making skills. "We chose a good mix of multiple veneers and textures to create the layers of interest," Martin explains. "Because Chiselwood furniture is all made to order at the Lincoln workshops there is no set range. The Pippy Oak doors feature veneering placed in a book match format, and the cabinet maker has painstakingly matched each panel so the grain follows throughout."

Veneering is a technique that has been used by leading craftspeople for centuries, but in today's environmentally conscious ●●●

ADVICE FROM THE DESIGNER

"In order for a room to have an unusual island unit shape such as a horseshoe you need plenty of space. Careful planning will ensure the person working in the room has everything to hand so they are not having to walk too far to the major appliances." Martin Holliday, Chiselwood Ltd





age the fact that it limits the amount of precious species timber used, makes it an exceptionally wise choice. Chiselwood use independently certified timber sources especially FSC wherever possible, and create timeless designs that can look as good as new for over 20 years, which further emphasises it's green credentials. Other eco-friendly touches include built-in sorting bins for the recycling, and triple A rated appliances. The Miele dishwasher, for example, only uses 7-litres of water and 0.83kWh per cycle, making it incredibly energy efficient.

"I instantly knew that the design had the wow factor I wanted, but having lived with this kitchen for over six months I'm delighted to say it is also extremely practical," Terry concludes. "It looks just as good now as on the day it was completed which is testament to the good design and build quality." ●



Details

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Worktops 0870 011 8788 www.silestone.com

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