

The plush scheme successfully marries a traditional painted wood kitchen with the style and glitz expected from owners that like to entertain. Zebrano naturally striped wood veneer with studded detail borders the worktops, giving the painted kitchen a unique edge. Matching wood veneer also surrounds the doorway, tying different areas of the open-plan space together.

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The owners of this kitchen wanted a glamorous, individual look without compromising on functionality



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fter several years of making do with their previous kitchen, Maria and John Biddall decided it was time for change. They commissioned a new extension that could accommodate a large kitchen suited to entertaining. Martin Holliday, design director at Chiselwood Ltd, was called upon to develop a bespoke space that was stylish enough to entertain in, yet practical enough for everyday family life.

“The brief was to create an open-plan, light and airy space,” says Martin. “The Biddall’s wanted to be able to cook, relax, entertain and, weather permitting, incorporate the outdoors space too.” Bi-folding doors were added to flood the room with natural light and connect the interior to the exterior. “We knew we wanted painted, but we also wanted glamour,” explains Maria. “Martin guided us through the process and once we had decided on a design we didn’t change anything, apart from mounting the TV on the wall.”



The large island is painted in The Little Greene Paint Company French Grey, while the surrounding cabinetry is in Chiselwood Paint Collection Arborio pale green. The walls are painted in Chiselwood Paint Collection Loganberry warm pink.

THE owners

Hoteliers Maria and John Biddall live in this five-bedroomed home in Skegness, Lincolnshire. They share their home with their two teenage children, Lili and John Jnr, alongside family pet, Bulldog Fifi. The property boasts a new extension that now houses the kitchen, a large garden and views over a golf course.



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THE designer

“Look at the bigger picture, not just the furniture. Consider the ventilation, audio, heating and lighting. This will allow you to create a space that is more than just a cooking area, it allows a room to be used for dining, socialising and relaxing.”

**Martin Holliday, design director,
Chiselwood Ltd**

The hallway door was removed, matching cabinetry was added beneath the stairs and a light stone floor was used throughout the space to create a uniform scheme. Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances are used commercially in the homeowners' hotels, so it was a natural choice to include them in their own home too.

“The room needed a bit of luxury and glamour, but at the same time be easy to use,” explains Martin. Zebrano wood veneer and studded detailing bordering the Silstone worktops complement the bespoke walnut and tabo timber kitchen. Mirrors, polished stainless steel appliances and plinth lighting help create a luxurious atmosphere.

Task lighting has been included to illuminate the worktop and hob. Coloured LED lights surround the room's large window, helping create a cool vibe when entertaining. “The lighting is what really makes the space atmospheric,” says Martin.

The kitchen includes a cupboard to house keys, phones, tablets and chargers for each member of the family. “The Biddall's didn't want their surfaces to clutter, as everyone walks in the room and lays down keys and phones,” explains Martin.



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Walls were removed in order to create a large open-plan space. To compensate for the loss of the walls, a support pillar was added. “We turned the pillar into a feature using bright red mosaics, and this introduced the main colour base for the key areas,” says Martin. As a finishing touch, John and Maria added their own artwork to room. “Their amazing artwork now has an equally stunning environment to hang in,” says Martin.

“The stunning central island is memorable for its sweeping curves. The eye-catching peninsula-style breakfast bar is a particular favourite of family,” says Martin. “We don’t use the other rooms in the house,” says Maria. “We all congregate and spend time in the kitchen. It is everything we hoped for,” adds John. “We love it!”

The kitchen is housed in a new purpose-built extension. The dedicated space features bi-folding doors that open out on to a large garden, which is ideal for when the family are entertaining in the warmer months.

THE details

Design by Martin Holliday, design director at Chiselwood Ltd, including structural remodeling, fully bespoke kitchen, painted cabinetry and walls, bespoke island with breakfast bar peninsula, cabinet lighting, Lagoon Silestone worktops and wood veneer detailing chiselwood.co.uk

Wolf ICBPW602718 wall-hung extractor, Wolf ICBDF606CG duel fuel range cooker, Sub-Zero ICB648PROG side-by-side fridge freezer with glass door subzero-wolf.co.uk

Miele M6262TC microwave, G6160SCVi dishwasher miele.co.uk

Kohler Hawthorne 6534-4U under-mounted double basin sink in white kohler.co.uk

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