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Design

● Aleksandar Novicic at **Kredenza**, 22 Southolm Street, London SW11 5EZ (020 7622 0666) www.kredenza.com

Worksurfaces

● **Black Galaxy granite**, from £329 per linear m, Verona Marble

Flooring

● **Crema polished marble with oak timber framework**, £106 per sq m

Appliances

- **OV200BMPSS double oven**, £935
- **H906-SS six-burner gas hob**, £375
Both Britannia
- **LST900 integrated chimney extractor**, £282, Westin
- **DME315X integrated microwave**, £369, De Dietrich
- **American-style fridge freezer**, discontinued, for similar try SOV626ZB, approx £2,600, Maytag
- **ZDT5044 slimline integrated dishwasher**, £403, Zanussi

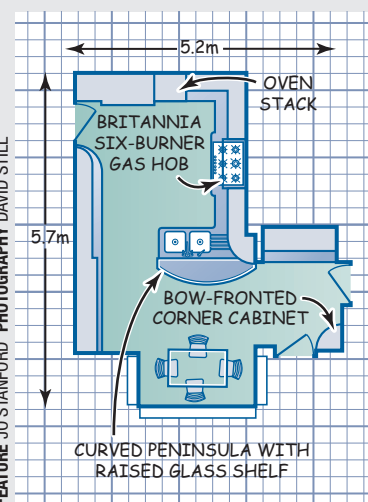
Sinks and tap

- **19938W Modultop sink**, £258
- **19941W Modultop sink**, £164
Both Kohler
- **Triflow Doric tap in chrome**, £448, Franke

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Approx **£47,000** Excluding flooring

🏠 **KITCHEN LAYOUT**



IN A LEAGUE
OF ITS OWN

By incorporating lots of individual features into a basic Shaker design, Hannah Orlean has given her kitchen an exclusive quality



1 The kitchen is packed with appliances, including an American-style fridge freezer, six-burner hob and double oven. Their stainless-steel finish contrasts with the traditional cabinetry

2 A strategically placed Philips widescreen television

is a great distraction for whoever is washing up

3 Hannah relaxes with a mug of coffee at the table she sourced from Fenwick in Brent Cross, London. Her existing dining chairs have been re-upholstered in a neutral cream fabric



Many people base their choice of kitchen design company on reputation or recommendation, but when Hannah and Anthony Orlean came across Kredenza for the first time at an interiors exhibition, they needed no testimonial. 'The quality of their work spoke for itself,' says Hannah. 'Plus, I'd fallen in love with a Kredenza floor design in timber and marble.'

The Orleans and their two grown-up daughters had lived with their inherited kitchen for six years, but Hannah was desperate for a change. 'The layout was great, but the units were stark and tatty,' she says. 'I wanted a design halfway between modern and traditional that would be warm and inviting.'

Hannah had done her homework and spent a large chunk of her time visiting kitchen showrooms and looking through magazines. 'I liked the idea of a Shaker-style kitchen in maple, which I had in mind when we found Kredenza,' she says.

Designer Aleksandar Novicic worked with Hannah to find a more practical and attractive use of the space. He suggested adding storage organisers such as magic corners, and moving the fridge freezer to the opposite side of the kitchen to allow for more workspace. He also proposed finishing each cabinet run with a rounded shape to soften the look and lead the eye around the room.

Hannah's coveted maple cabinets are embellished with leather-wrapped bar handles and chrome strips in the door panels to echo the lines of the



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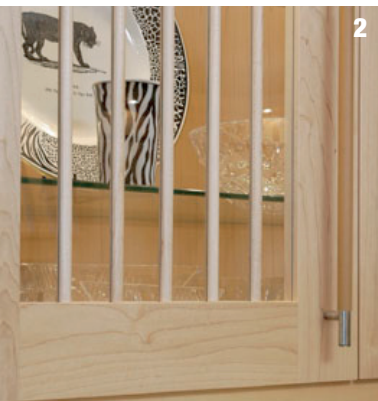


kitchen and appease her desire for individuality. She got her own way when it came to the flooring, too. The polished marble design inlaid with timber strips had originally been presented in a dark wood, but Hannah felt a paler oak version was more suited to the maple cabinets. Black Galaxy granite worktops are fitted with ceramic sinks. 'Every time I see a stainless-steel bowl it looks scratched,' Hannah explains, 'so I was determined to fit ceramic ones.'

The lighting scheme required a bit of lateral thinking. 'Setting spotlights into the ceiling was out of the question because of the roof terrace above,' says Hannah, 'so we've fixed them into hanging square panels – they look just as good.'

To escape the disorder of the installation, Hannah and Anthony rented a nearby cottage, where they prepared for the marriage of one of their daughters. 'It was a nerve-wracking time all round, but worth the upheaval,' recalls Hannah. 'We wanted to strike a balance between old and new, and with this kitchen, I think we've achieved it.' **bb**

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1 & 2 Aleksandar's curved cabinetry was designed to draw your eye around the kitchen. He and Hannah have put all their efforts into creating a truly co-ordinated look. Even the glass-fronted cupboards have had wooden strips fixed to them to match the slender door handles

3 The maple and marble work together to give the kitchen its inviting feel, accentuated by spotlights running across the cabinet pelmets and fitted into panels hung from the ceiling

