



# The Height of Style

A CONTEMPORARY DESIGN BUT WITH TRADITIONAL TOUCHES, THIS KITCHEN SCHEME BRINGS TOGETHER A HOST OF DETAILS THAT MAKE THE MOST OF A TALL SPACE CREATED WITHIN A LARGE HOME EXTENSION...

A high vaulted ceiling gives a real sense of light-filled space to the room, with walls kept free of cabinetry thanks to 3m high tall units and larder storage



A highly functional island was given a darker colour to add contrast to an otherwise very light décor throughout the space



Large sliding doors and skylight provide lots of natural light into the dining area which features a large dining table as well as a relaxing TV area

**T**he homeowner was planning a whole house renovation as part of a significant and impressive rear extension to this house in the South-West London suburb of Hampton. This was to be a T-shaped extension running the width of the whole house, with a vaulted ceiling at the top of the T-shape. The owner wanted the new space to be for cooking, dining and relaxing so separate zones were created.

The vaulted area with very tall ceilings is visible from the whole room and the owner wanted the island to be centred with a feature of a chimney centralised at the top of the T.

The task was given to Tim Higham, owner of furniture design studio Higham Furniture. "The vaulted ceilings in the extension provide amazing scale and with Crittal doors that frame the garden wonderfully," he explains. "The wood burner boosts the warmth of the room in the colder months and makes the space

feel warmer. The darker island cabinet colour brings some depth to the kitchen which is otherwise very light in colour."

The larder – which includes worktop and power to take appliances – had to have its doors raised so that they oversailed the steps. Drawers were put underneath this to offer additional storage. The storage racks on the doors can be used for bottles and spices, while glazed cabinets were included above to provide scale.

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The Villeroy and Boche Belfast sink with Perrin & Rowe Mimas tap provide an uncluttered centrepiece to the island, and an accompanying Quooker boiling water tap is a practical addition for a busy household.

The drawers flanking the range cooker offer plenty of storage for cutlery and crockery and pots and pans. The cutlery is stored in a bespoke insert designed into the top drawer.

The kids playroom is located off the kitchen with doors that slide back to allow the kids to be monitored from the kitchen – or closed to hide the mess!

Higham adds: "The dining table was purchased by the owners during a wedding trip to Bali and imported back. It provides an interesting and eccentric contrast to the simplicity of the rest of the room. The bottom of the T-shaped extension also has a comfy sofa to relax on while watching TV."

The kitchen spec includes a wine cooler and induction-topped range cooker, the flat, sleek design of which works well with the simple shaker kitchen design and its framework extending to the floor. **d**

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