

# ISLAND LIVING

When Deborah Dorman was planning her new kitchen, top of her wish list was an island unit that would provide a place for her family to congregate

## The brief:

To design a practical kitchen to fit into a large single-storey extension spanning the full width of a family home in Surrey.



Wide engineered oak planked flooring brings warmth to the kitchen

## Extension

The new extension created a potentially awkward corridor between the main hallway and the new kitchen-diner. After careful consideration it was decided to use this space to house the fridge and larder. Having all the tall storage units together helped to soften the look of the main kitchen area.



The roof lantern provides the perfect place to position the island unit



## Cupboards

Above The framed painted Shaker units are made in maple for the doors and drawers and tulipwood for the frames. The design includes plenty of drawers for cutlery, utensils and crockery, while the larder has ample space for food storage and even a useful shelf for the microwave.

'What we are most pleased with is the symmetry we have managed to bring to each part of the kitchen while retaining good functionality'

Alexander Mayes, Designer, Higham

## Worktops

This was to be a high-use kitchen and required a durable worktop. Landford Stone offers a strong Carrara marble-like quartz called Teltos Carrara Onyx ([www.landfordstone.co.uk](http://www.landfordstone.co.uk)), which works perfectly with the grey tones of the cabinetry and island.



The Smart Divide sink by Kohler is half the height of a conventional double-bowl model

## Try this...

Far left Smithfield eggshell, £58 for 2.5 ltrs, Mylands.  
Left Mole's Breath Estate Eggshell, £55 for 2.5 ltrs, Farrow & Ball.



## Island unit

Above The island has been kept clear for storage and food preparation – and incorporates a useful wine fridge. With seating for four people along one side there is plenty of space for family or guests to be a part of the cooking process without getting in the way.

## Cooker

Right Deborah opted for a substantial 1,100mm Rangemaster cooker, which is framed with a wide false chimney so the cooker doesn't look crammed in. Symmetry is created with matching cabinets either side providing space for pots and pans.



## Details:

Higham kitchens start from around £25,000. For details, call 0800 047 0235 or visit [www.higham.co.uk](http://www.higham.co.uk).