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CALMING EFFECT

A blend of soft white, warm oak and burnished brass combine to create a tranquil cook space

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PROJECT DETAILS

OWNER
Richard Loudon

PROPERTY
New-build four-bedroom house

WORK
New kitchen

LOCATION
East Sussex



SERENE SCHEME

Clean lines and pale colours make for a soothing space. Sections of glazing add interest to the dresser cabinet and help to break up the block of white.

Bespoke Davonport Shoreditch kitchen in soft white with oak interiors and Armac Martin Leebank handles in Burnished Brass, all Design Interiors. Statuario Maximus quartz worktops, Caesarstone. For similar herringbone parquet flooring, try The Natural Wood Floor Co

'I wanted to build a forever home,' says Richard Loudon. 'I couldn't find a house that suited what I had in mind, so I chose this plot for its ideal location and began to hatch a plan.' He commissioned MA Architecture & Interior Design to work on the design for the three-storey house.

1 MAKING PLANS

The brief for the kitchen was to maximise its views of its beautiful garden setting and create an inside-outside feel. With plans underway, it was time to visit Tim Brown, senior designer of Design Interiors, who had designed a kitchen in Richard's previous home, to produce the kitchen space.


2 CREATING THE WISH LIST

'I enjoy cooking and find it quite meditative,' says Richard, who works in finance. 'I wanted a large island with plenty of work surface for preparing meals, with a space for bar stools – somewhere to sit and relax with friends and with my daughter when she visits.' He also specified top of the range appliances including a powerful gas hob to suit his love of cooking, and a calm colour scheme. 'I wanted the whole house, including the kitchen, to have a peaceful mood and to feel like a sanctuary,' he says. The central island bridges a china and glassware dresser on one wall and built-in appliances in tall cabinets on the other. 'I like to cook steak on a high heat and wanted to avoid smoke filling the room, so I knew a powerful extractor was needed,' says Richard. Keen to avoid a big hood dominating the space, the extractor is concealed behind a streamlined pelmet above the hob, its quartz finish chosen to match the splashback.

3 CLASSIC MODERN

Balancing his taste for contemporary design with his love of antiques, Richard chose the Shoreditch range of in-frame cabinetry, made by bespoke furniture specialist Davonport for Design Interiors. Tim explains: 'It is traditionally made, but the doors have a simple frame with central flat panel to add a modern twist. Painted in a warm white, the look is softly tranquil, an effect picked up in the choice of quartz worktops.'

4 ADDING WARMTH

Accents of oak – from the parquet floor to the cupboard interiors – and burnished brass details soften the overall look and add gentle warmth. 'It is a beautiful place of calm,' notes Richard.  maarch.co.uk; design-interiors.com



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SEAMLESS FLOW

The kitchen leads on to the dining area with sliding glass doors to the garden. Richard bought the chandelier at auction years ago and it now introduces an antique element to the space. The oak-lined breakfast cupboard adds warmth to the design. **Oven**, combination **microwave**, gas **hob**, built-in **extractor**, integrated **larder fridge**, integrated **larder freezer**, fully integrated **dishwasher**, all Gaggenau. Fusion round **boiling water 3-in-1 tap** in Patinated Brass, Quooker. **Sink**, Blanco. **Pendant lights**, J. Adams & Co. For similar **bar stools**, try Eichholtz. **Dining table**, Barker and Stonehouse. **Dining chairs**, Eichholtz



TOP TIP
Using the same material on the island, worktop and splashback creates a sense of harmony and cohesion