

BESPOKE CABINETS

Tulipwood base units by Dean Fairhurst Bespoke Kitchens & Interiors have been **handpainted in Castle Gray** by Farrow & Ball, while **American White oak drawers** add contrast. The **wall cupboards** have been **painted in White Tie by Farrow & Ball**

FLOORING

The square **salt-glazed terracotta floor tiles** came from Alternative Tiles and lend warmth to the scheme

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Twice AS NICE

Hand-painted furniture and oak come together to create a kitchen of two halves in Chris and Hugh's period cottage



CHRIS AND HUGH MACKINTOSH LIVE IN A FORMER FARMHOUSE IN NOTTS

After 10 years of tolerating a homemade pine kitchen that they inherited on moving into their 200-year-old farmhouse, the Mackintoshes decided it was time for a change. However, as the decision to refurbish the kitchen started to take shape, so too did the idea to reconfigure the layout, knocking through to the dining room to make an open-plan area.

Six months passed as Hugh and his wife Chris, a teacher, continued to plan their kitchen. Much of the layout was determined by the room itself, as the low ceilings and beams made designing challenging. Hugh, a retired operations director, made sure everything was considered, from the height of the ovens to the array of storage, so that the kitchen would still be suitable for them as they grew older. 'I wanted to make sure that what we did now would be practical enough to last us into our dotage!' he laughs.

It wasn't just one kitchen that Hugh was thinking about, though – it was two, as he decided the former dining room could be a second kitchen for food preparation and baking. 'We wanted it to house the larder and a duplication of most of the equipment, so that Chris wouldn't have to run between rooms when she's baking,' explains Hugh.

Having been to the Dean Fairhurst Bespoke Kitchens & Interiors showroom a few years earlier, the couple decided to pay it another visit. 'I wanted someone who would accept the bulk of my design and make it happen,'

WET AREA

An undermounted **Berkshire sink** by Caple and the **Franke Triflow filter tap** add a more modern touch to the traditional room





GREAT IDEA

If space is at a premium, consider recessing or building appliances into walls

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PHOTOGRAPHY CLIVE DOYLE

says Hugh. 'Designers Dean Fairhurst and Michael Cook were so easy to get on with that we knew we'd made the right choice.' Seeing a Shaker-inspired scheme swayed the couple further. Originally, they opted for a mix of painted and solid wood finishes just for the main kitchen but a last-minute change of heart saw both rooms filled with the bespoke design. 'We were only going to have the main kitchen done and just use DIY units for the other but, as work started, we realised that was something we would regret. We

decided in the end to have the same type of cabinetry in both rooms and it really was the best decision we made,' reveals Hugh.

The couple were keen to have a dining area nearby, utilising the widest part of the main kitchen. 'I love that we can sit at the table and admire the kitchen and everything that we've achieved,' smiles Hugh.

'The whole project has made such an enormous difference to our lives,' he continues. 'It's given us everything we could have possibly wanted in a kitchen.' **BK**

INTEGRATED COOLING

Finding somewhere to place the Miele **larder fridge** without it protruding into the kitchen was a problem that Hugh solved by knocking into one of the walls. The fridge was then recessed into the hole. Sitting round the corner from the ovens means the room, although not a standard shape, is as ergonomic as possible



DRAWERS

Dovetail-jointed oak pull-outs

contrast beautifully with the muted painted furniture



SLEEK HOB

The Miele **four-zone induction hob** sits flush with the granite worktop



TALL STORAGE

Floor-to-ceiling larders in the baking kitchen space have been fitted with low pull-out drawers and shelves to store the couple's dry goods



LINKED SPACES

The run of Miele **built-in ovens** connects the main kitchen to the baking kitchen, so that they are accessible from both areas



**BK
loves**

...the mottled pink and grey distressed granite

PRICE GUIDE
Starting price
£15,000
for a Dean Fairhurst Bespoke Kitchens & Interiors design

WORKTOPS

The speckled grey tones of the **Lady Dream granite** inspired the colour of the cabinetry

BANK OF APPLIANCES

The three Miele ovens and warming drawer have been built in at eye and waist level for ease of access when cooking

THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINETS

- Dean Fairhurst and Michael Cook at **Dean Fairhurst Bespoke Kitchens & Interiors**, The Stables, Carlton Hall, Carlton-on-Trent, Newark, Notts NG23 6LP (01636 821222) www.deanfairhurst.co.uk
- Bespoke, hand-painted tulipwood units with American White oak cabinetry

WORKTOPS

- Lady Dream granite with antiqued finish. Price per sq m **£350**
- Wide-stave waxed oak. Price per sq m **£300**

FLOORING

- Salt-glazed terracotta tiles, Alternative Tile Co. Price per sq m **£65.80**

SINKS & TAPS

- Berkshire undermounted single-bowl ceramic sink, Caple **£90**
- Tradition Triflow monobloc mixer filter tap in Silk Steel, Franke **£604**
- CPCIB2 Cheshire inset single-bowl ceramic sink, Caple **£309**
- 4460 Phoenician monobloc mixer tap in nickel, Perrin & Rowe **£211**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- H5681BP built-in single multifunction oven, Miele **£2,350**
- H5080BM built-in combination microwave, Miele **£2,056**
- DG5080 built-in steam oven, Miele **£2,091**
- KM5943 four-zone induction hob, Miele **£1,269**
- DA2250 canopy extractor hood, Miele **£517**
- ESW5080-29 built-in warming drawer, Miele **£728**
- K9457iD integrated larder fridge, Miele **£915**
- G2872SCVi fully integrated dishwasher, Miele **£1,645**

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PLAN SCALE 1cm:1m

