

25 Beautiful KITCHENS

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▼ Gillian and Marshall were tired of banging their heads on open wall cupboards, so Neil has fitted units with airline-style doors that pivot up and out of the way. The units are used to store glassware.



▲ The larder cupboard comes equipped with space-saving racks fixed to the door panel, and three pull-out storage drawers for groceries. 'The way things were arranged in my previous kitchen just didn't make any sense, but everything is set out so logically now that nothing is hard to find,' says Gillian.

► Sited at the far end of the kitchen and obscured from view by the island, the wet area includes a double-bowl sink and dishwasher. Energy-conscious Gillian loves the DishDrawers, as she can save water and electricity by running them independently for small loads, but uses them together after a party.

◀ Its glamorous sparkle makes Silestone the ideal choice of surface in a room used predominantly to entertain. The seamless worktop was cut to follow the subtle curves of the Blanco sink and tap.

Gillian's story

Gillian and Marshall Hoffman love throwing parties, but when they moved to their London home two years ago, it looked as though their entertaining days were over. 'The ground floor had an awkward layout and a small kitchen that was stuck in the 1970s,' says Gillian. 'We're used to hosting parties for more than 40 guests, so we desperately needed a big space. That's where Neil Lerner came in.'



Having taken down a wall between the kitchen and a playroom to create a larger space, Neil asked Gillian to talk him through a typical day in her kitchen. 'The room needed to fulfil a number of roles, so we split it in three, with a wet area at one end, a bank of built-in appliances, and a central workstation,' says Gillian. 'I'm especially thrilled with the island. It appears to float like magic in the middle of the room.'

MY FAVOURITE APPLIANCE 'The induction hob. It only heats up when pans are placed on it, which saves energy and makes it very safe to use.'



KITCHEN FILE

Design

- Neil Lerner at **Neil Lerner Kitchen Design**, 19 George Street, London W1U 3QL (020 7634 4920) www.neillerner.com

Worksurfaces

- **Stellar Blanco Silestone**, from £300 per linear m, Cosentino

Flooring

- **Living Grey ceramic tiles**, approx £26 per sq m, Elite Tiles

Appliances

- 2 x **B1442 built-in single ovens**, £664 each
- **T4483 extra-wide induction hob**, £1,061
- **H5642 built-in microwave**, £568
- **N7290 warming drawer**, £351
At Neff
- **Antarctica island chimney hood**, £1,817, Eika
- **F88C25M8D5 side-by-side fridge freezer**, £2,500, Frigidaire
- **D603H55 double DishDrawer dishwasher**, £1,250, Fisher & Paykel

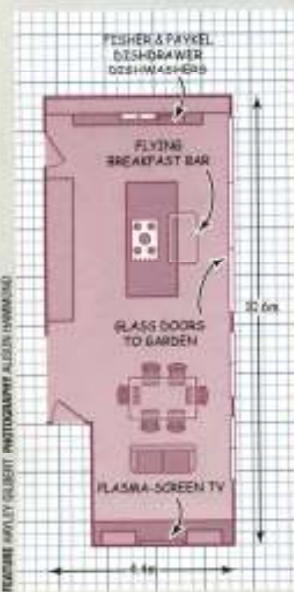
Sink and tap

- **Wave 950-U double-bowl sink**, £656
- **Curzon mixer tap with pull-out spray**, £323
Both Blanco

PRICE GUIDE

Approx. £13,500. Cabinetry only

KITCHEN LAYOUT



Give your scheme a robust yet glamorous finish with thick worktops created from a man-made quartz composite

OPEN INVITATION

The hospitable Hoffmans needed a much bigger kitchen in order to satisfy their ambitious party plans



Gilman wanted a scheme that was sleek, but not sterile, so Neil suggested they combine warm beech veneer cabinets from Häcker's Systemat range with chunky worktops, stainless-steel appliances and a glass breakfast bar supported by industrial-looking metal poles. To achieve a floating effect, Neil placed the beech body of the island on a dark pedestal and illuminated it from beneath with spotlights

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It's hard to imagine this bright space as a dark division of rooms, but it shows what effect knocking down a wall and adding floor-to-ceiling windows can have. The walls, painted in Dulux's Ivory Lace, have a mellow glow that enhances the view of the garden.



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