

PROPERTY PROJECT

Streamlined scheme

Modern gloss units blend with period features in Stephen Dick's kitchen

WHO LIVES THERE?

Stephen Dick and Pippa Griffin, and their dog Doris.

WHERE IS IT?

East Dulwich, London.

KITCHEN DIMENSIONS

6.3x3.2m.

WHAT CHANGED?

The floor was levelled and tiled, and original features, such as a cast-iron fireplace, were restored. An open-plan kitchen-diner was created with high-gloss cabinets and red accents. Library-effect wallpaper was used to give the dining area an eclectic feel.

We bought the house in 2001. Although it needed a lot of work, we knew it had great potential, with large rooms and big windows letting in plenty of light. The kitchen was poorly laid out with dated wall tiles and traditional-style cabinets. We painted it white when we first moved in and then made do with it while we concentrated on renovating the rest of the house. The kitchen was the last room to be decorated. My main priority was to freshen up the space and bring it up to date.



Both Pippa and I wanted to create clean lines and a crisp finish in the kitchen area, and a more intimate feel in the dining space.

Stephen Dick

APPLIANCES

A red accent colour is picked out with a retro kettle and toaster, which look striking against the white stone worktops.

EXTRACTOR HOOD

A slimline canopy cooker hood in stainless steel complements the sleek and contemporary look.

CABINETS

High-gloss cabinets with simple handles and a smooth finish prevent the compact kitchen area from appearing cluttered.

WORKTOPS

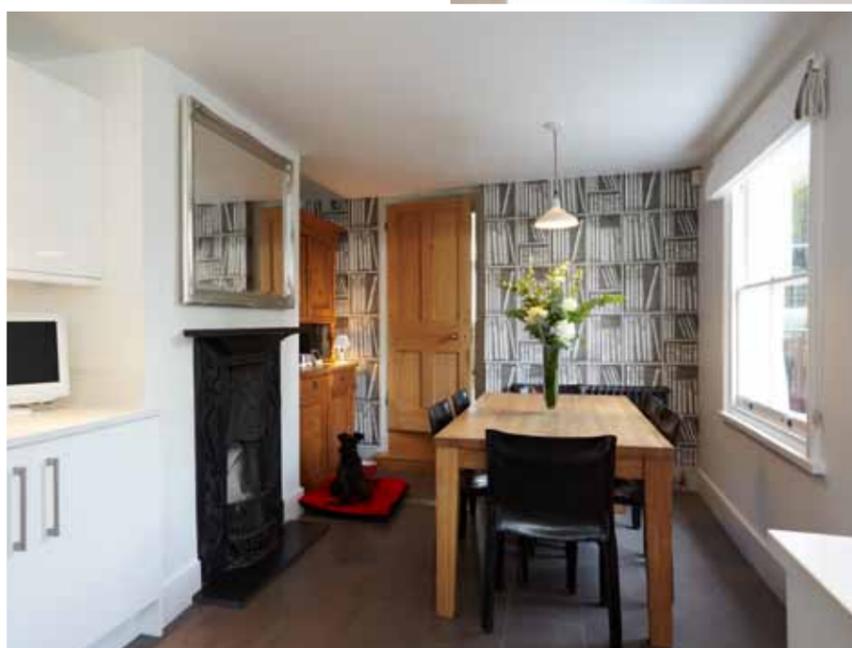
The hardwearing stone composite worktops are a practical choice and tie in with the crisp white scheme perfectly.

DINING TABLE & CHAIRS

A solid oak dining table adds warmth to the dining area, while the vintage Italian chairs give the scheme an up-to-date feel.

THE PROJECT

- To replace an old-fashioned kitchen with a fresh contemporary space that is easy to clean.
- The old kitchen was ripped out and the floor levelled to ensure an immaculate finish throughout.
- Although compact in size, the kitchen has been designed with an efficient layout to make use of all available space. An integrated dishwasher and fridge-freezer provide smooth lines for a streamlined look.
- The external walls have been left free from cabinets to increase the sense of space and give the illusion of a bigger room.
- The use of silver, black and red accent colours creates a sense of continuity through the kitchen area into the dining space.
- A traditional-style kitchen dresser and a restored cast-iron fireplace give a welcoming feel to the open-plan dining area.



SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

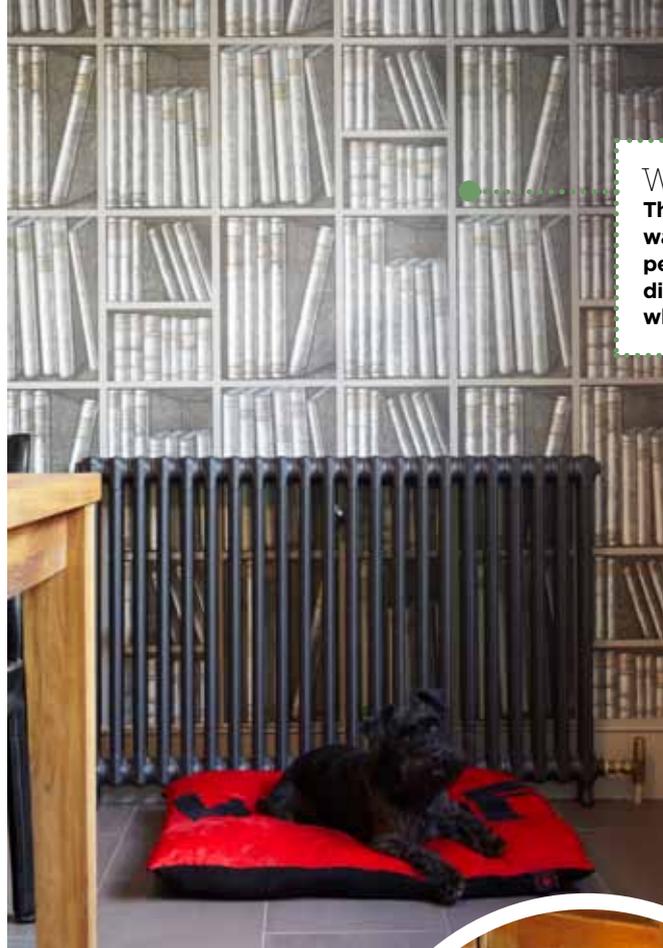


Stephen says: Attention to detail is always important to me, but I'm never sure

whether anyone else notices the small things! When visitors spot features they hadn't noticed before, it makes me realise that a focused design makes all the difference to what a space is like to live in and enjoy. Having other people appreciate the details as much as I do makes it all worth while.'

THE BUDGET

Furniture.....	£2,100
Appliances.....	£3,138
Worktops.....	£3,000
Lighting.....	£420
Sink & taps.....	£407
Flooring.....	£1,500
TOTAL.....	£10,565



WALLPAPER

This quirky library-effect wallpaper adds a personal touch to the dining area for Pippa, who is a writer.

TALKING POINT

Stephen has displayed a miniature bottle of gin – his and Pippa's favourite tippie – in this novelty money box.



DESIGNER STYLE

The clutter-free worktops show off a selection of stylish appliances, including this ultra-sleek coffee machine.

STEPHEN AND PIPPA'S KEY PIECES

- **High-gloss cabinets** in Avant White, £2,100, DIY Kitchens, 01977 608418, diy-kitchens.com.
- **Composite worktops** in Pure White, £3,000, Diresco, available from B-stone, 01604 585848, bstone.co.uk.
- **PKX11034 Peak undermount sink** in Stainless Steel, £249; **Fuji pull-out tap** in Silk Steel, £158; both Franke, 0161 436 6280, franke.co.uk.
- **T22S36 built-in gas hob** in Stainless Steel, £183; **B16E74 Series 5 built-in single oven** in Stainless Steel, £1,020; **D76S34 Series 3 extra-wide extractor hood** in Stainless Steel, £445; **S52M69X1 fully-integrated dishwasher**, £442; **K4316 integrated fridge**, £331; **G4344 integrated freezer**, £318; all Neff, 0844 892 8989, neff.co.uk.
- **Solid Oak Virgio table**, £680, Wood Empire, 020 7738 0808, woodempire.co.uk.
- **Vintage Cassina Cab dining chairs**, £774.99 each, Mario Bellini at Nest, 0114 243 3000, nest.co.uk.
- **Ex Libris 77/11043 wallpaper**, £64.80 per roll, Fornesetti collection at Cole & Son, 020 7376 4628, cole-and-son.com.
- **264V porcelain floor tiles**, around £90 per sq m, Beige and Brown collection at Mosa, 01293 512270, mosa.nl/en.
- **A Modo Mio Extra coffee machine** in White, £119, Lavazza, 0800 599 9200, lavazzamodomio.co.uk.
- **Porcelain light**, £76, Droog, 0031 205 23 50 59, droog.com.
- **Radiator restoration**, £700, Blast Spray Polish, 020 8694 8831, blastsspraypolish.co.uk.