

✦ Key info

- Inframed painted kitchen with solid oak trimmings from the Dynamically Different Range at Glenvale Kitchens
- Redfire range cooker and induction hob
- 30mm Imperador marble worktops
- 60mm Espresso quartz worktop with Boston, ogee edge on island
- Multi-fuel Dovre burner from My Lovely Stove
- Natural stone floor tiles from Point Bath & Tiles
- Bosch wine cooler
- Single Butler Belfast sink with dual control taps
- Neff dishwasher
- Bosch fridge freezer



WINNING
COMBINATION

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The home: A new build outside Newry.
Who lives here? Elaine and Steven.



When Elaine and Steven moved out of their apartment and into a capacious new build at the beginning of this year, they immediately set about looking for a kitchen that would optimise their interior. The couple's previous cooking and dining area had been quite small, so a design that offered generous storage, a large working area and plenty of room for socialising was a priority. The pair spent a few months shopping around and discussing plans with a lot of designers, but hadn't yet found the level of service and original design influence they wanted. The couple took a visit to the showroom at Glenvale Kitchens, where they were instantly won over by the vast range of designs on offer. 'The showroom was really what made our decision for us,' says Elaine. 'It was great to be able to actually see the different styles set out before us, instead of just being handed brochures. It allowed us to really visualise the designs in our home.'

The pair began working alongside designer, Susan to come up with plans for this infrared painted kitchen with solid oak trimmings, and were delighted with the service they received. 'I couldn't be happier with Susan and the team at Glenvale. Susan worked tirelessly, drawing up different designs to come up with a kitchen that was practical and just what I wanted. And it was great to discuss plans with her woman to woman – she really knew where I was coming from.'

Whilst receptive to suggestions, Elaine also had a few of her own to bring to the table. As a priority, the couple were keen to install a classic styled kitchen that had a timeless, homely feel to it. 'We live in the





countryside, so we wanted something quite rustic and traditional that complemented the rest of the house.' Armed with these specifications, Susan began designing the kitchen from the inside out, keeping the functionality of the room a priority. 'I came up with a few proposals for Elaine and we chatted through all the options,' says Susan. 'I like to get a real feel for the client's personality and the specific needs in order to produce an ergonomically effective and visually appealing design that's perfect for them.'

Plans soon came together for this bright and airy design that has timeless appeal. Handpainted white cabinets with solid oak carcasses make a fresh and modern contrast to the espresso quartz worktops, whilst traditional features like the range cooker, Belfast sink and classic handles in solid antique pewter, add character to the design. All appliances have been built into the cabinets to keep the area streamlined and immaculate, and a handpainted green island is a real statement piece, offering additional prepping and dining space. The three decided on a neutral colour scheme using Farrow & Ball New

White to perfectly complement the dark marble and espresso quartz worktops, opening up the room whilst adding warmth.

Susan was also able to integrate some interesting features into the design to give the couple's kitchen a personal touch. A wine cooler taken from Elaine's previous home has been fitted into the island, whilst a multi-fuel burner in the centre of the design works together with underfloor heating to keep this large room cosy. Elaine and Steven also enjoy cooking with the wok, so a dual burner has been discretely inset beside the hob to give extra cooking options. Elaine particularly loves the storage space allowed by the large larders. 'The larder is definitely my favourite feature. It has enough space for everything I need – Susan's designed the layout to include a bread board, spice rack and smaller shelves.' Both Elaine and Steven are delighted with their new kitchen. 'I just love the spaciousness of this design. The amount of room I have to work in now is huge – the whole area has been designed so well.'

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