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Modern walnut furniture forms a multifunctional island and prep zone in the couple's kitchen, while white drawers merge seamlessly with the walls. The central unit boasts a hob and a breakfast bar. For similar seating, try Funktion Furniture. 'The stools are adjustable, so that they can be used at the table, too,' smiles Kjersti

GRAIN STORM

Sleek walnut cabinetry is an instant hit in Kjersti and Trond's Norwegian kitchen scheme

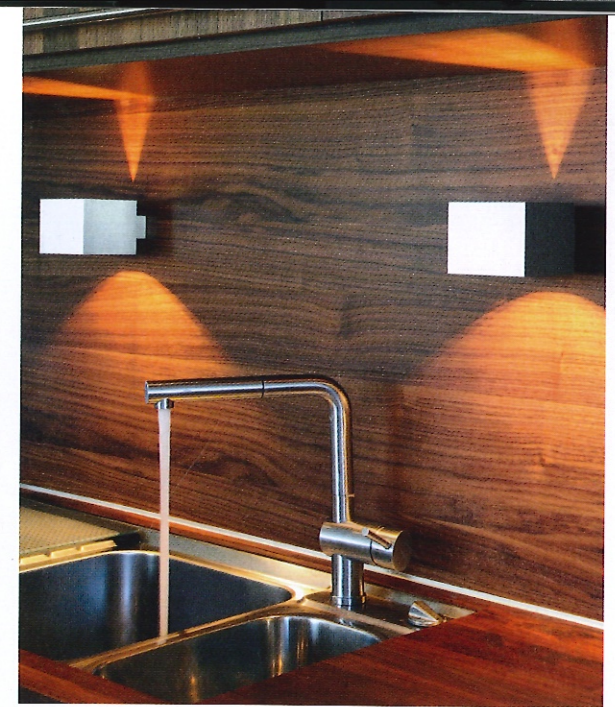
Kjersti Strand and her husband Trond Bjarne Kristoffersen have a passion for entertaining and spend most of their time in the kitchen of the home they share with their son, Brage, 17, and daughter, Frida, 16, in Tromsø, Norway. However, years of wear and tear had started to show and the couple wanted a multifunctional room with some smart storage. 'A new kitchen is a big investment, so we wanted a timeless result that would last throughout different eras,' explains Kjersti. 'It was also important that the space was well-planned and practical.'

Kjersti and Trond, who are both physical therapists, enlisted the help of interior architect Torunn Tøllefsen early on in their renovation project. Torunn suggested knocking through into the laundry room to add space and, as a wall between the dining area and kitchen hindered the natural light and made both rooms seem smaller, she suggested removing that, too.

Once the structural elements were sorted, it was time for the couple to concentrate on the look of the room. 'With a neutral backdrop, it is even more important to choose exciting materials to infuse the kitchen with interest and personality,' explains ▶

A frosted glass door serves to hide the pantry, which has matching units





Designer tip... ‘Good lighting is essential for a space to function properly. Light “furnishes” a room and defines how we experience it – whether it feels comfortable or unwelcoming’

ABOVE Handleless drawers have been integrated into a wall to make the most of the space

TOP RIGHT Finished in the same walnut as the cabinetry, the splashback is lit by the up and down lamps from Delta Light for extra impact

RIGHT A powerful extractor in stainless steel whisks away cooking odours at the island

BELOW Housed beneath the sloping ceiling, a dramatic ‘floating’ gas fireplace sits next to a supporting pillar. For similar, try Quality Stoves



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roomy drawers along another wall, which creates clever unobtrusive storage, while large drawers underneath an upholstered bench in the dining area are filled with infrequently used kitchen items.

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reezer provides easy
chilled drinks



*I wish... I'd checked
the dimensions of our American-style
fridge freezer. It's actually 70cm deep,
not the 60cm we thought. We had
made a nook for it that wasn't quite
deep enough, so it protrudes
out of the tall housing'*

KJERSTI STRAND

LEFT Kjersti enjoys spending time with her family in the new kitchen and especially likes sitting at the solid walnut breakfast bar. 'All the worktop space is really practical,' she enthuses. 'We also use the two hobs on the island a lot -- we're really happy with them'

DESIGN & CABINETRY

■ Torunn Tøllefsen, Hansjordnes Gate 3, 9009 Tromsø, Norway (0047 90 15 7562) using walnut veneer furniture from the Modern range and White hi-gloss cabinetry from the Straight range, both by HTH www.hth.dk

WORKTOPS

- Polished Black granite, for similar try 30mm Nero Assoluto, Second Nature. Price per linear m **£240**
- Solid walnut, for similar try Second Nature. Price per linear m **POA**

SINK & TAP

- BlancoAxis 6S one-and-a-half-bowl inset sink in stainless steel, Blanco **£467**
- BM/P514021 BlancoLinus single-lever monobloc mixer tap in brushed steel, Blanco **£250**

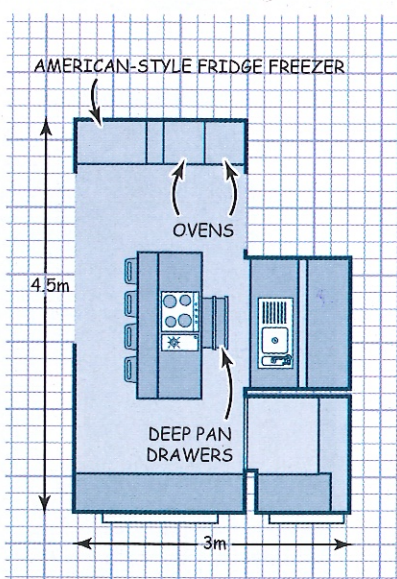
APPLIANCES (shown)

- Built-in single oven, for similar try H5240, Miele **£939**
- Built-in steam oven, for similar try DG5080, Miele **£1,930**
- Four-zone induction hob, for similar try KM5940, Miele **£989**
- Gas wok burner, for similar try CS101 IG, Miele **£680**
- Island extractor hood in stainless steel, for similar try DA420V, Miele **£2,149**
- Built-in coffee machine, for similar try CVA5060, Miele **£1,735**
- Built-in warming drawer, for similar try ESW5080-29, Miele **£708**
- American-style fridge freezer, for similar try KA62DA70GB, Siemens **£1,980**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated dishwasher, Miele **£850**

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