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The best of contemporary, open-plan living with Mark Taylor Design



Mark Taylor Design created this contemporary, bespoke, open-plan kitchen for a Victorian terraced home

When the owners of this stunning, Victorian terraced Fulham mews house wanted to update their kitchen to create a light-filled, open-plan living space with a dining and sitting area, Mark Taylor Design's expert team of furniture and interior designers were the perfect choice.

Managing Director Mark Taylor explains: "The building work involved knocking down walls and we transformed what was essentially a conventional layout and dated extension in a Victorian property into a bespoke, open-plan living space. Large, glass aluminum framed doors replaced much of the back wall and the skylight was positioned directly above the island to let natural light flood in.

"Our client wanted a simple kitchen with flush features for a streamlined, modern look. We didn't want the kitchen to be the focal point as you walk into this room facing the expansive glass doors, so we designed it to sit against one wall on the left with the dining and living area to the right."

Featuring a clean, contemporary design, this distinctive kitchen houses a large, square island, which provides plenty of storage and space for preparing food and entertaining. The flush, handleless white gloss lacquered doors reflect the light and contrast beautifully with the European oak fridge unit, which was stained to show the grain and lacquered with a stylish matt finish.

“The main challenge was to maintain a sense of fluidity in the design so we framed the fridge with the other units and built-in appliances,” continues Mark. “Our client didn’t want their cooker hood on view to break up the clean lines so we placed two doors above the gas hob in line with the other wall units to obscure the hood. They wanted the hob to sit flush with the worktop so the stone fabricators rebated a trough into the work surface, enabling us to ‘drop’ the hob in.”

Mark particularly likes the contrasting colours of the stone Pietra Cardosa work surfaces, oak stained units and white, flat-fronted cabinets. “Despite the challenges in achieving it, the symmetry really pleases me too,” he adds. This new, multifunctional, open-plan space features a sitting/TV area and separate dining space, which Mark explains is more in keeping with the way in which people live their lives today: “Creating an environment that a prospective buyer can walk into and imagine themselves and their family in, means the property’s value is immediately increased.”

Mark Taylor Design is a British design and manufacturing business providing superlative bespoke furniture, cabinetry, specialist joinery and Interior Design. Their prestigious projects are renowned for increasing the salability and value of clients’ homes.

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Notes to editors:

- For further information, contact Mark Taylor Design on 01628 486707, email mtd@marktaylordesign.co.uk or visit www.marktaylordesign.co.uk
- Mark Taylor Design creates extraordinary spaces providing bespoke furniture, cabinetry, specialist joinery and interior design.
- Mark Taylor Design balances functional planning with beautiful, inspirational design, creating unique rooms using the most exciting and innovative materials and finishes.
- They were recently shortlisted for the Living Space – UK award in the *design et al* International Design & Architecture Awards 2017 for the transformation of a living space into a stunning, bespoke Art Deco-inspired bar and relaxing room.
- Mark is the driving creative force behind Mark Taylor Design with more than 30 years’ interior, furniture design and manufacturing experience.
- Mark Taylor Design work out of their design studio in Buckinghamshire supported by their workshops in Wiltshire and Oxfordshire. They take on projects nationwide.

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