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CHILD'S PLAY

When renovating their home this couple with two young daughters wanted their kitchen to put function before form

If the space is carefully planned a kitchen isn't just for preparing meals and eating, but a room the whole family can enjoy. Stay-at-home mother Mrs Fuller wanted just this – a self-contained space for her entire family to spend time in.

When they purchased the Victorian terraced property in West London everything needed ripping out and upgrading. Therefore it has undergone full

refurbishment from top to bottom, and an extension to the rear.

As the couple wanted the house redesigned, plus wished to add a new kitchen, they were looking for a one-stop shop that could do it all. Holloways of Ludlow offers complete kitchen design and manufacturing and its sister company Holloways of Ludlow Building Services carries out all associated building work. Refurbishment can be stressful so having

sister companies that liaise between each other, can help avoid complications, misunderstandings and will help ensure the vision is recognised.

The main objective for the ground floor was to open up the space into a large open-plan kitchen and living area. This was achieved by knocking out the main side wall of the house and building a side return extension with four roof lights to allow in as much natural light as possible.●●●



THE OWNERS

Mr and Mrs Fuller live with their two daughters aged four-and-a-half and three in this typically Victorian West London home



The couple have two young daughters so it was important that the kitchen was functional with nothing fiddly that could break. Mrs Fuller wanted to have a room in which she could carry out daily tasks while the girls play. She says, "I wanted a play area for the girls that can be easily transformed into a more adult area when they grow up, such as a study or hang-out area."

With ample space to work with designer

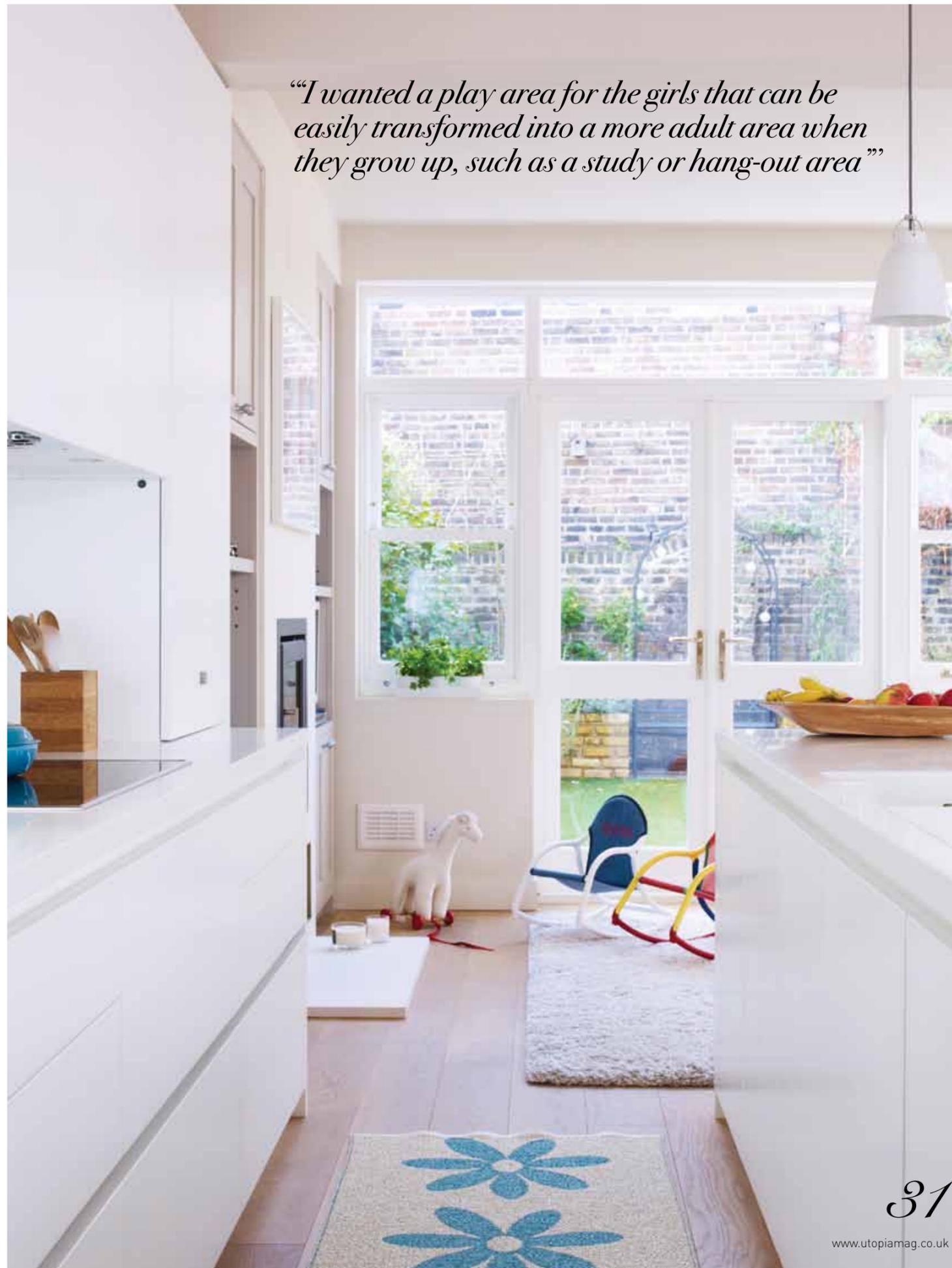
Giorgia Vainutyte from Holloways of Ludlow went about creating the kitchen. She decided to go with a with a modern Scandinavian-esque design mixed with more traditional Shaker-style cabinetry plus natural oak floors and a subtle colour scheme.

On the rear wall behind the central island the run of cabinetry is in a bespoke white modern handle-less style that on the living area side is mixed with

traditional Shaker-style cabinetry finished in 'Elephant's breath' grey paint from Farrow & Ball. The modern cabinets are colour matched to the chunky Glacier white Corian worksurfaces giving a clean, contemporary finish. To create extra storage, which is needed with a young family the kitchen, drawers were made to be extra deep.

Modern appliances have been used to continue the contemporary look. Giorgia incorporated all items on the couple's wishlist including a large refrigerator with icemaker, water purifier, boiling water tap and waste disposal. ●●●

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DETAILS

Bespoke kitchen designed by Georgia Vainutyte, designer, Holloways of Ludlow
020 8487 9422 www.hollowayskitchens.com;
 Holloways of Ludlow Building Services
020 8487 9440 www.hollowaysbuild.com

De Dietrich DHG397XP1 extractor hood
01256 308 000 www.dedietrich.co.uk

Siemens KA62DA71GB American side-by-side fridge freezer, HB75AB550B single oven, HB84K552B combination oven, EH845TL11E induction hob, SN66T096GB XL dishwasher
0844 892 9044 www.siemens-home.co.uk

Corian 873 double sink in Glacier White with matching work surface
0800 962 116 www.corian.co.uk

Dornbracht Tara Ultra tap, Tara Ultra spray
024 7671 7129 www.dornbracht.com

Quooker Design 3DCHR boiling water tap
020 7923 3355 www.quooker.com

Pure H2O filtered water system and tap
01784 221 188 www.pureh2o.co.uk

Farrow & Ball 'Elephant's Breath' paint
01202 876 141 www.farrow-ball.com

Insinkerator ISE EVO 200 waste disposal
01923 297 880 www.insinkerator.co.uk

The living area has a bespoke dining table and built-in bench seating – perfect for sitting at for a colouring-in session with the girls. To the garden end of the room is the play area with space for a sofa and room for activities. It has the log burner that Mrs Fuller desired. "It is unusual to see a fireplace in the kitchen," says Georgia, "but here it creates a cosy area where the girls can play in the day and the adults can relax in the evening."

The play area is a feature that Mrs Fuller loves, she says, "It's a great design for the house as the kitchen opens out onto the garden plus the space can be transformed when they get older." She continues, "I am really happy with the kitchen especially with how much storage we ended up having and it's extremely functional. It sounds silly but the kitchen is so well laid out that everything you need is literally within arms reach." Just what is needed for a busy mum. ●



ADVICE FROM THE DESIGNER

"If you are looking to mix the styles in your space, it is important not to over-colour. It is best to stick with two or three muted colours and spread them throughout the space, it is then easier to accessorise the space with brighter colours."

Georgia Vainutyte, designer, Holloways of Ludlow