





ENTERTAINING IDEAS

Explore a spacious country kitchen that is perfect for family gatherings and large dinner parties



The owners of this detached Georgian-style house in a charming village near Brighton love cooking for friends and family, so it was important for them to have a kitchen and dining space that could comfortably accommodate plenty of guests at once. It also needed to be suitable for the day-to-day demands of a family of four, with two growing boys.

They chose Holloways of Ludlow to design the hub of their home as they were familiar with the high quality of this company's work. During their visit to the showroom, they looked at a range of designs, but the one that they both really admired featured a combination of walnut veneer and lacquers. "It's a contemporary look, but still full of warmth due to the natural grain in the wood. We decided to repeat that on a much larger scale in their very spacious kitchen," explains Robert Burnett, head of design at Holloways of Ludlow.

The scale of this kitchen provided an opportunity to really show off the beauty of the walnut grain by book matching the veneers across large flat panels. The lacquered drawer fronts add colour to the kitchen making it feel even more inviting, and the colour links with materials and colours elsewhere in the room. The cabinets are all constructed using lacquered walnut veneers inside and out. The painted drawer fronts have been lacquered so that all of the surfaces are hard wearing and easy to maintain.

When it comes to big gatherings such as Christmas or summer parties, the owners might have up to 14 people for dinner. In order to entertain on such a grand scale, the owners wanted a kitchen design where every inch of space is utilised to the utmost, not only for food preparation but also for storage. Robert Burnett took this in his stride and conceived ●●●