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a layout that would comfortably incorporate an Aga as well as a conventional oven two large fridge freezers and dishwashers, a steam oven, microwave and wine cooler. Other must-have features include large sinks, a Zip tap and a large extendable dining table.

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The owners of this country house are fortunate to have an acre of walled gardens and a swimming pool, and so it was important to them to incorporate their outside space into the kitchen design, as

looking out onto the mature planting and colourful borders is fantastic when entertaining. Robert organised the layout of the room to make the most of the huge windows and even the seating area around the island allows you to look out over the garden.

Another key request was that the Aga should be the focal point of the kitchen. "The windows on either side of the Aga were existing features of the room, as was the arched opening between the ovens and the fridges, so the design had to accommodate those," Robert explains. This meant that it was necessary for every cabinet to be hand-made in order to situate the Aga dead centre between the windows, while achieving symmetry around the arched entrance and accommodating the angled wall to the right of the Aga. ●●●



