

Right: The Cool kitchen range from John Lewis of Hungerford has a simple flat door style that provides a blank canvas for creating an individual look. Choose from gloss or satin eggshell colours. Shown is the Cool Plano Gloss kitchen, priced from £20,000.



Case study



Kitchen designer: Nicholas Goldman of Goldman & Rankin.

The clients: Professional couple.

Location: Central London.

The brief: A luxurious, modern and sleek kitchen-dining space, making the most of the limited space available.



“The property is in a listed building in Albany Courtyard in Mayfair so, as a lot of major building was not possible, we had to be clever with the existing space,” says Nicholas. “As such, the kitchen and dining area were all designed in the same materials to create a seamless space and open it out as much as possible.”

An additional aspect of the brief was to create a room in the Biedermeier style (German style of furniture design from 1815-1848). Birch and walnut were typical of this time so Nicholas combined them to create a subtle light and dark contrast, also a feature of the period. “The kitchen is a classic Shaker style in a solid birch with 4mm walnut beading on the inside and centre panels of Masur birch finished with a clear natural lacquer. The custom-made handles are solid turned maple and drawers are lined with birch veneer.

“The kitchen and dining areas are separated by a pocket door system and the dining room is panelled with matching Masur birch centre panels,” he adds. “Finally, the feature highlight is the magic bookcase door that leads to a secret wine store.”

