



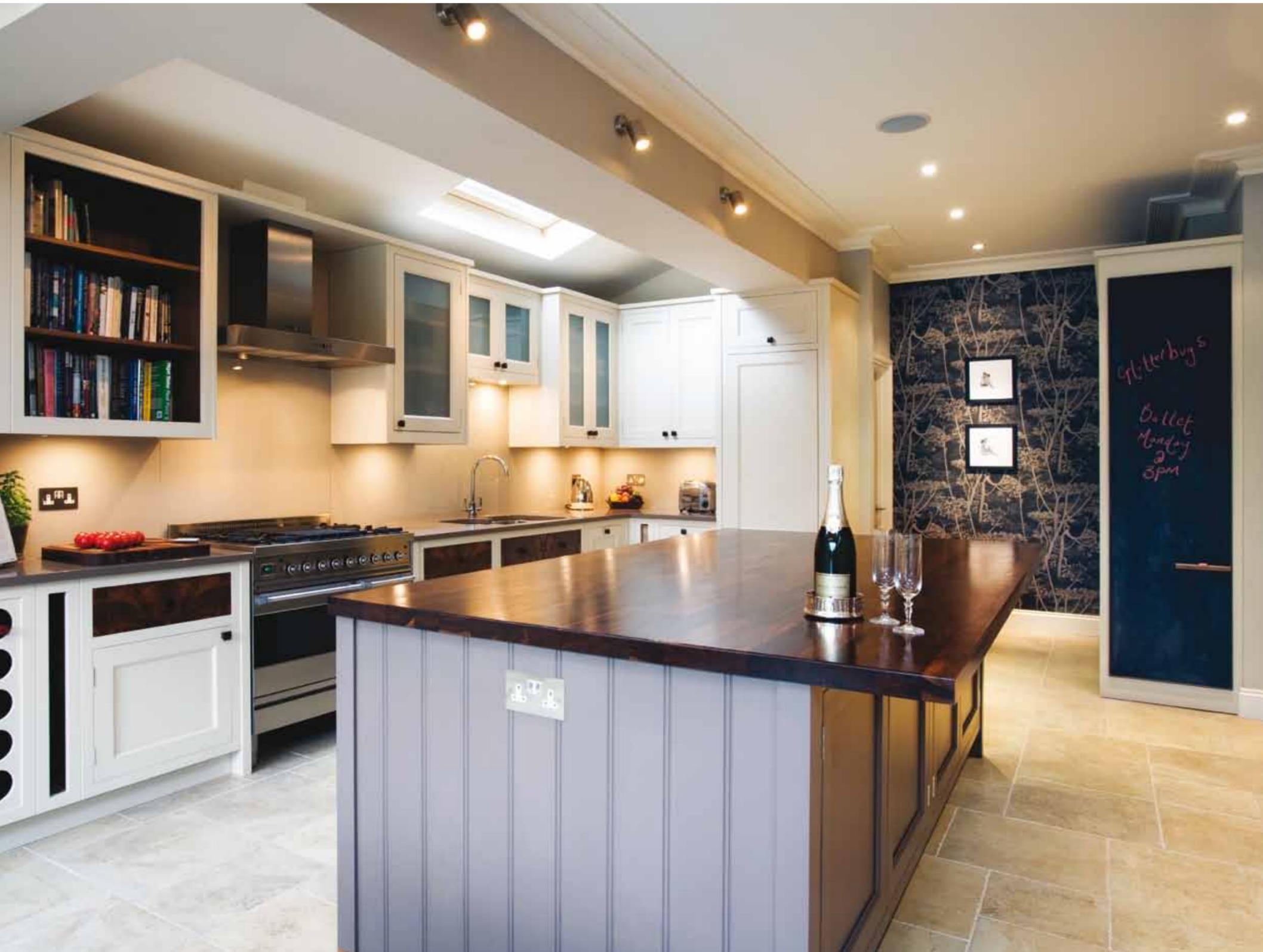
## HOME COMFORTS

Extending into the side return of their Victorian terrace gave these homeowners the chance to create a bright and spacious family kitchen

The layout of Victorian terraces can be at odds with modern lifestyles, having been built in the days when houses were designed for dividing up the differing daily routines, and a series of individual rooms provided a place for each activity. But now the focal point of a house is often the kitchen, which is multi-purpose and no longer simply a space in which to cook. And although the owners of this 19th century London property – a professional couple with two young children – have reconfigured their period home to relate to a more contemporary

way of living, they have achieved it with a great degree of sympathy to the original style of the house.

“Wanting a kitchen that was classical and complementary to the property’s exterior, the owners approached me to come up with a design,” says Nicholas Goldman of bespoke furniture makers Goldman & Rankin. “The scheme was inspired by the way in which the clients work, relax and entertain, and it incorporates several distinct areas in addition to the cooking space.” ●●●



The layout accommodates a separate utility room at the back to eliminate noise and laundry clutter from the kitchen space, as well as a pantry zone with a generously sized larder cupboard. Speakers hidden in the ceiling are connected to the house's multi-room audio system so that the family can enjoy music while preparing meals or eating. The dining end of the room overlooking the garden features both a table and glazed dresser to store essentials close to hand, while the 'snug' seating area next to the breakfast bar provides a spot where the whole family can congregate. This even has storage drawers below to tidy away the toys and trappings of a home shared with toddlers!

"We try to create something personal to each client, and for this scheme chose a sophisticated combination of walnut and walnut burr veneer, intermixed with various coloured painted finishes," says Nicholas. The unit and frames are made from solid wood, with walnut veneer on the drawers, and under-cabinet lighting is integrated into the wall cupboards. Units feature various internal organisational solutions to maximise storage capacity including bottle racks, pull-out trays, magic corners and divided drawers.

The homeowners wanted to utilise their existing oven as it was only a year old; this forms the centre of the cooking space. ●●●

### Advice from the designer

“I’d suggest planning the appliances into the design first, then think about storage and lastly aesthetic style and personal details. Leave adequate space around the cabinetry otherwise it will feel cluttered and cramped. Don’t make a scheme too busy: if you keep the details down to a minimum they will stand out more. And finally, when choosing colour combinations, remember that nature is a great source of inspiration.” Nicholas Goldman, Goldman & Rankin



Most other appliances are fully integrated, including a larder fridge and dishwasher to maintain the homely feel. Besides concealing appliances to create a serene ambience and opting for a warm colour palette, the family chose a nature-inspired wallpaper featuring silhouettes of cow parsley that adds a living room vibe to the kitchen. Family photos and decorative lights complete the cosy feel. “The chalkboard is one of my favourite features,” Nicholas continues. “As kitchens are centred around technology these days, it’s really nice to incorporate a classical form of communication into a traditional design, and very fitting for this particular home.” ●



### Details

Kitchen design by Nicholas Goldman, Goldman & Rankin **020 7644 1919** | [www.goldmanandrankin.com](http://www.goldmanandrankin.com)

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Miele K9752iD integrated full-height larder fridge **0845 365 6600** | [www.miele.co.uk](http://www.miele.co.uk)

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