

Changing rooms

Relocating the kitchen from the front of the house to the back, where the living room used to be, gained the Triggs a family friendly cooking, dining and living space

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STYLE?

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‘We swapped our
living spaces’

Take a tip from the Trigg family: rethink how you use your rooms to suit your lifestyle better

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THE PROPERTY

A four-bedroom, detached, Fifties house in Brighton, East Sussex, bought in July 2005.

WHO LIVES HERE

Candy and Jon Trigg, with their two children, Ben, nine, and Jude, six.

WHAT THEY DID

They knocked down a wall between the living room and utility at the back of the house and turned the rooms into a kitchen-diner with a seating area at one end. The couple had bifold doors fitted to connect the room to the garden, as well as new internal windows to let in even more light. The old kitchen is now a living room.

THE LOOK

Contemporary, with slab-front, Soft grey units, industrial-style details and pops of bright colour.

LESSONS LEARNED

“Investing in an architect is wise – we benefitted from the extra ideas ours had for bringing more light into this north-facing room.”



THE LAYOUT An L-shaped run of units is at one end of the room. A bank of tall units houses the ovens and fridge, and the sink is opposite a peninsular unit, where the hob is located. The other end of the room is used as a dining/living area

WHAT IT COST

Units.....	£6,735
Worktops.....	£871
Sink.....	£551
Tap.....	£318
Appliances.....	£1,008
Flooring.....	£1,557
Lighting.....	£50
Furniture.....	£1,945
Paint.....	£81
TOTAL.....	£13,116

TURN OVER TO FIND OUT HOW
Candy and Jon created their new kitchen





◀ Colour pop

Candy bought a cheap shelf from Ikea and painted it a vibrant shade of yellow. 'I wanted to add a pop of colour to the kitchen and think that grey and yellow is a good combination,' she says

▶ Cook, eat, relax

Candy painted the walls in the seating area a soft blue to visually separate it from the kitchen. Between the two areas is an old dining table which Candy revamped with spray paint. 'It totally transformed the table but only took minutes,' she says

▼ Sleek looks

For a streamlined effect, the couple chose slab-front doors and built-in appliances. The double oven has been installed at eyelevel so it's out of the kids' reach and saves the cook having to bend down to open and close the door

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Design detail ÇİMSTONE

Cindy's worktop is Çimstone – a 93% quartz, 7% resin mix that's scratch and stain-proof



When Candy and Jon Trigg bought their house, it had been extended by previous owners, but although it was sizeable, the layout didn't flow. They decided to let out the house while they moved to Australia for three years. 'When we returned, it took more than a year to settle in, make decisions and find builders to tackle what needed doing,' says Candy.

The kitchen was originally at the front of the house, with a narrow utility area running next to the living room at the back. 'We decided to move the kitchen into the living room to create a larger, multipurpose space,' explains Candy. By removing the wall between the living room and utility area, the couple gained

extra space for an open-plan kitchen and created a new utility room in an existing small extension.

For the look, Candy was inspired by their time in Australia. 'We loved the easy-going, open-plan design of the properties there,' says Candy. 'Brighton beach may not be Bondi, but we wanted to re-create that same vibe here. We chose pale grey units, as they are softer than white but still light and classic,' she says. 'I wanted pops of colour and chose yellow, as it's such a sunny shade, and a warm blue to remind me of the sea.'

The room has changed the way the Triggs live. It is comfortable, practical and allows them to be together, even if they are doing different things. 'I love opening the doors in summer,' says Candy. 'On a hot day, with the barbecue going, we could almost be in Australia.'





▲ Warm wood

Logs and a wood mantel add a rustic touch. 'I got this length of wood at a reclamation yard for £20,' says Candy



How we did it

“ We enlarged the existing living room at the rear of the house by knocking through to the utility room. As the back of the house faces north, we wanted to make the most of available light, so we introduced bifold doors leading to the garden and two internal frosted-glass windows to let in as much light as possible from the front of the house. The project started in May 2013 and took around 12 weeks, as it was part of a bigger renovation of the entire house. I researched local architects online until we found a firm that seemed a good fit. We asked Scott Theobald of Bold Architecture to come up with the new layout. Our brilliant builders were recommended by a neighbour and the project was pretty straightforward, apart from finding woodworm that had to be treated. The kitchen was priced as part of the whole job, but the building work was around £10,000. It was pretty stress-free, particularly as we lived in rented property while the work was being carried out.”

KITCHEN SOURCEBOOK WHERE TO BUY

Remo handleless units, from £156 for a 600mm base unit, Manhattan Kitchens range, The Kitchen Store. Arcadia worktops, £85 per sq m, Cimstone. Deca sink, £551; Maya tap, £318; both Carron Phoenix. FIMD23IXS double oven, £399; VIA640C induction hob, £265; both Indesit range, Currys. Galleria Heritage flooring, from £39.22 per sq m, UK Flooring Direct. Sofa, £299, Harveys. Table painted in Mode Ultra High Gloss spray paint in Charcoal, £14.99 for 400ml, Rust-Oleum. Cubic chairs, £116 each, Premier Housewares. Mantelpiece, £20, The Wood Store. Bar stools, £39 each, Eclectic Abode. Sideboard, £415, Jali. Wilmot armchair, £650; Lula lamp £20; both Habitat. Tu pendants, £25 each, Sainsbury's. Nespresso XN100440 coffee machine, £90, Debenhams. Walls painted in Slaked Lime and James Intelligent Eggshell, both £51 for 2.5ltr; shelf painted in Trumpet Yellow Intelligent Eggshell, £51 for 2.5ltr; all Little Greene

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