

# KITCHENS BEDROOMS & BATHROOMS

DRAWING BOARD

## Solution two



### The designer



Lucy Eckerley is the co-director of Twenty 5 Design in Wakefield. The business has been established for six years and specialises in high-end kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms to appeal to both classic and modern design tastes.

"To meet Rachael's brief, I opted to work with the Milton in-frame range from Second Nature," explains Lucy. "I chose painted Alabaster cabinetry and combined this with natural oak to inject warmth into the scheme. The aim of the design was to create a beautiful airy and classic look. Rachael mentioned that she liked the painted Shaker doors and the in-frame adds a touch of classic detail. To create a low-maintenance kitchen, I have used the majority of the oak at the lower level.

"The island creates an informal seating area where Rachael can sit and relax," Lucy continues. "The also acts as an additional working zone. One accessory I would incorporate is a mixer lift for Rachael's KitchenAid. This ensures that the mixer can be hidden away to keep the work surfaces uncluttered, yet it also makes it easy to access without having to lift it manually out of the cupboard. An Evoline plug socket to the island would also be useful, as it can be discreetly set back into the worktop when not in use."

Worktops in Blanco Capri 30mm Silestone quartz would be a complete contrast to Rachael's existing dark granite. This offers a uniform colour and is non-porous, thus it creates a cohesive look and is very practical too. "Blanco

Capri is one of the more affordable stones," says Lucy, "so suits the budget and works really well with the Alabaster doors. The glass splashback adds a contemporary feel and is extremely practical behind the hob. The Alabaster also coordinates with the existing cream fridge and accessories.

"The client stated that she liked wooden worktops so I have used a feature section of oak on the island," Lucy adds. "In addition, the glass wall units with the oak cabinet tie the two colours together nicely."

Mindful of Rachael's budget, Lucy has recommended Bosch appliances as it offers a generous range of models throughout its inventory. A double oven is great for extra cooking capacity. "As the kitchen has such a strong social element," Lucy explains, "it's important that extraction and reducing noise from appliances is well considered. Therefore, a quiet Eco Silence dishwasher has been incorporated, which is next to a pull-out recycling bin for hidden waste. I have also included a Franke Minerva 3-in-1 tap for instant boiling water, which will help reduce the number of electrical items on the worktops and is a great time saver for people with busy lives."

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### The specifications

Furniture	£3036
Worktops	£4320
Oak feature	£420
Appliances	£1782
Taps	£1267
Installation	£1500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£18,325</b>

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### The verdict

"With this design, the lack of a table would need addressing as the kitchen was extended to facilitate precisely this," Rachael says. "That said, the mixer lift sounds like a great idea and the use of the glass splashback is stylish yet practical. The feature oak worktop is a nice touch and ties together the use of two different cupboard colours in a subtle way. Using quiet appliances is something I had not considered, but is a good point, and also having the recycling bins hidden is a clever idea. The oven being at eye level is practical and the 3-in-1 tap is a great addition."