

SHEER ELEGANCE

Key info

- Handmade bespoke kitchen from the Elegant Classic range by Newcastle Design. Hand made from solid wood, handpainted in Farrow & Ball
- Quartz worktop
- Neff appliances – two custom hobs, combi oven, under counter fridge
- Liebherr side by side fridge freezer in pantry
- Aga range cooker
- Interior design and colour scheme by Helen Turkington

The home: An extensively renovated 1940s bungalow in Dublin.
Who lives here? Niamh and Robert.

This 1940s bungalow is barely recognisable from the property Niamh and Robert purchased. The house was in a poor state of repair; it was very dated, the kitchen was tiny and it was desperately in need of some TLC. As soon as we viewed the place though, we instantly saw its potential,' says Niamh.

Excavating between four and five feet at the back of the house, the couple have created a semi basement to house their new kitchen. The footprint of the original kitchen is where the utility room is now situated. This substantial renovation project has created a 1,000 sq ft area for a stunning new handpainted design, open plan with living and dining areas. 'We looked at the really modern glossy kitchens but I knew I wanted a painted finish, a classic style that we could live with long term. This is our forever kitchen; we won't be moving from here or changing the kitchen so we wanted a classic look.'

A beautiful and well planned room with kitchen and living space was Niamh's priority. Having worked with other bespoke companies in the past, she instantly warmed to the fresh and positive approach of Ronan and his team at Newcastle Design.



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Choosing a design that was as aesthetically pleasing as it is functional, Niamh decided on an inframe finish with solid rounded corners to soften the look. Interior designer Helen Turkington provided her creative input on colour scheme, advising on Farrow & Ball colours for both the kitchen units, walls and living area. 'I love the colours. I knew I didn't want white but needed guidance on the various shades of grey. The use of colour ties the open plan together, giving a wonderful sense of flow to the room. The contoured central island is a remarkable feature which provides additional storage and an informal dining area, while also enhancing the gentle curve and flow of the room.

'We're absolutely delighted with our kitchen. Ronan was fantastic to work with. While offering his expert advice, he didn't force opinions on us. Any tweaks we made, he altered straightaway with a new drawing back to us the very next day. The service was amazing. The old kitchen looked like it had been there since the '70s with an ancient gas cooker; it was a tiny box of a room. All the renovation work and research into finding our ideal kitchen designer has been so worthwhile.'

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