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LITTLE GEM

Semi-precious carnelian stones from Mauritius provide a stunning centrepiece to this bespoke ash kitchen



This modern, five-bedroom home in the suburbs of Cork, in Ireland was badly let down by its drab and dated builder-fitted kitchen, so the professional couple who made it their home commissioned designer Philippe Hetier of Keith Mosse Bespoke Furniture to transform it into something chic and unique.

"The starting point for the design was a bleached ash table, we had already, so Philippe married the table to this, explain the homeowners. They loved the colour of the wood, so Philippe chose whitewashed ash for the doors and carcasses of the new open-plan kitchen.

The pale wood is encased in two-tone Staron Tempest, a resilient solid surface from Samsung. The edges of the worktop and the frames between the wooden units

are in the shimmering Radiance colour, while the worktops and twin sinks are in speckled Shell. The Staron was thermobent in a veneer press to create the curvaceous bridge shape of the central unit and attached breakfast bar.

It is this unit which really gives the scheme the wow factor requested by the clients. In addition to the striking shape and the sleek matt aluminium supports of the breakfast bar, the addition of eight circular insets of semi-precious carnelian stone to the central unit ensures a dramatic focal point both day and night. "Sourced from Mauritius, the translucent gemstones contrast dramatically with the light ash wood, and are backlit with LEDs to show off their deep red and orange hues, bringing amazing colours during the evening," says Philippe. ●●●





Functionality was extremely important to the homeowners, who requested that everything in the kitchen should be easy to access, while specifying a sleek, handleless finish to keep the clean lines of the design. Philippe opted to use Blum's Servo-Drive electrical opening support system on all the drawers to make them light and effortless to open, while the tall storage units have pull-out trays for accessing items at the rear.

The specification was for Miele appliances throughout, and the couple selected a single oven, warming drawer, integrated coffee machine, double drawer dishwasher and extractor hood, while retaining their existing Miele fridge freezer. The main appliances were fitted at eye level for easy access. The clients not only sought to update the style of the kitchen, but also wanted to move towards a friendlier, more open-plan living space. ●●●

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This has been stylishly accomplished by the natural flow from the kitchen area, past the breakfast bar, into the dining space. The dining space has a bespoke dining table, cabinet and chairs, designed by Joseph Walsh to complement the new kitchen. The homeowners chose Keith Mosse Bespoke Furniture, which is based in County Kilkenny, on the basis of a personal recommendation from a work colleague who had used the company in the past. "We were pleasantly surprised by the completed kitchen – even though we had seen the CGI's (computer generated imagery), and the finished product was identical to them," they explained. They found Philippe to be full of inspirational ideas and are delighted with the finished design – especially the breakfast bar, which has turned out to be a gem in more ways than one. ●

ADVICE FROM THE DESIGNER

"For me quality is everything and for this reason, in my workshop we make each and every part of the kitchen. Very few companies actually do this and many tend to buy in the components and put them together. I would advise anyone who is looking for a bespoke made kitchen to make sure that you get as much detail as possible from your designer about the material and the construction before you place your order and this will enable you research of the quality of what you are getting." Philippe Hetier, Keith Mosse Bespoke Furniture

Details

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