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# 'We made use of wasted space'

Assess how you use your space - could you create a large, open-plan family room, like the Youngs have?

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## *Building out*

The couple stole space from their garden to double the size of their kitchen. A wall of glazing fills the spacious room with natural light

Classic Shaker units, from £550 for a W600mm base unit, Charlie Kingham; painted in Old White Estate Eggshell, £55 for 2.5ltr, Farrow & Ball. Crittall windows, £15,000, Steel Window Service

Love their  
STYLE?

THE YOUNGS' CLASSIC SHAKER UNITS ARE FROM CHARLIE KINGHAM ££. FOR SIMILAR, TRY SECOND NATURE'S MILBOURNE IN CHINA BLUE £ OR TOM HOWLEY'S MODERN SHAKER KITCHEN £££



Take the  
60-SECOND TOUR

THE PROPERTY

A five-bedroom, Victorian, semi-detached house in a conservation area in southwest London.

WHO LIVES HERE

Louise and Ben Young live here with their daughters, Mya, 19, Florence, seven, and Minnie, five.

WHAT THEY DID

The couple doubled the size of their kitchen by extending sideways into a former patio area, and added glazed metal doors along an entire wall to let in sunlight.

THE LOOK

Relaxed New England style with an elegant rustic twist.

LESSONS LEARNED

“Make sure you know the lead times for any products you order. The glass doors took 15 weeks to be delivered, which delayed everything. Had I known how long it was going to take, I would have ordered them much earlier.”

WHAT IT COST

Units.....	£20,000
Worktops.....	£2,855
Sink.....	£598
Taps.....	£1,477
Appliances.....	£5,935
Flooring.....	£4,305
Lighting.....	£300
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>£35,470</b>

TURN OVER TO FIND OUT HOW  
Louise and Ben created their dream kitchen



THE LAYOUT The oven is positioned in a run of units on the left of the room. The sink is in the island in the centre. A wall of glazing provides a view of the garden

### ▼ On display

Wood cladding on the walls creates a New England feel, while open shelving makes an attractive display of books and accessories. V-bead panelling, £150 per sq m, Charlie Kingham. For similar candelabras, try the three-arm, £40 each; toaster, £99.95, Dualit range; all John Lewis

### NEED TO KNOW

#### PAINT EFFECT

Paint the walls a similar shade to your units to create a seamless, unified feel



When they bought their home in Streatham, London, in 2011, Louise and Ben Young knew the narrow patio area at the side of it was wasted space. 'It made sense to bring the space inside and use it to open up the kitchen,' says Louise. Taking out the external wall next to the patio, they extended sideways to create a large, open-plan room with the kitchen and dining areas separated by an island. 'We have doubled the space and now I wonder how we coped before, especially with three children,' she says.

The style of the new kitchen was influenced by Louise's time spent in the US. 'I lived in New York for a while and spent a few summers in the Hamptons,' she says. 'I love that New England style and I wanted to capture that sunny, beachy feel.' As a result, the couple

opted for a wall of glass doors on one side of the extension and large roof lights. 'The garden is south facing and gets so much sunlight, so it's great to bring it inside,' explains Louise.

To enhance the New England look, she went for bespoke Shaker-style units, adding a country feel with some rustic fittings. 'There were certain things I knew I wanted, like a marble work surface, traditional detailing, a double sink and a range cooker,' says Louise.

The couple chose variations of white and soft grey-green for the colour scheme. 'I had many sleepless nights over paint colours, which I know sounds pathetic,' she says. 'I wanted something classic and timeless.' The neutral scheme enhances the sense of space and light.

The newly extended kitchen is a hit with the whole family. 'We all love it and everyone congregates in here,' says Louise. 'It's so light and homely. I wouldn't change a thing.' →

### ▲ Meeting point

The island offers extra preparation space and doubles up as a breakfast bar where the family can gather. Marble worktops lend the room a luxurious feel

Carrara marble worktop with pencil edge, £570 per linear m, Charlie Kingham. For similar bar stools, try the Weathered oak, £150 each, Cox & Cox



▲ *Paired up*

A double butler's sink in the island provides plenty of practical space for food preparation

900 butler's sink, £598; Phoenician 4360 tap in nickel finish with pull-out spray, £699; both Perrin & Rowe range, Charlie Kingham

◀ *Looking glass*

The eye-catching splashback behind the cooker is actually an antique mirror. 'We had it made to measure for the space,' says Louise. 'I love its vintage, rustic look, complete with age marks'

Falcon 1000 deluxe oven in Slate, £3,100; antique mirror, £495; both Charlie Kingham



◀ *Step on it*

An ideal choice for a family kitchen, the hard-wearing engineered-oak flooring adds warmth to the space. 'It's hard work to keep the floor clean, but I love it and would never swap it for tiles,' says Louise

Old House Oak engineered-oak flooring, £66.50 per sq m, Broadleaf



## How we did it

“ We did nothing for two years, then tackled all the structural work at the same time, so we had the builders in for nearly a year, from October 2013. The kitchen extension took around five months and cost £60,000 – the kitchen installation was included in the price of the cabinetry. The hardest point was having to use a temporary kitchen in a plywood shack outside, with cables dangling down and a dirt floor. That's when our daughter Florence wailed, 'I hate my house'. But you forget all that once the work is done. ”