



The Perfect Match

Philip and Eunice had a clear vision of what they wanted for their new kitchen in their Rathkenny home. During their initial consultation with Glenvale Kitchens, they gave the designer a well thought out wish list as the foundation for the design. What resulted was a beautiful purpose built, bespoke kitchen.



Eunice recalls their previous kitchen, 'It was an old style, country kitchen in American white oak. We wanted a more modern look, which was governed by the new extension. After shopping around locally, we saw an advert for Glenvale in a kitchen magazine and then dropped in to see them. They had different pieces in their showroom that we liked, and we started to build the complete picture of the kitchen from here.'

The couple liked the idea of a painted kitchen and wanted a shaker style door, which they felt had an unfussy design. They decided to have an Aga as a feature along the back wall of the kitchen and wanted an over mantle. The rest of the kitchen design was down to Glenvale designer, Darren Morgan and the design team, who used Philip and Eunice's own lifestyle requirements and work patterns to create a very practical and easy to use kitchen environment.

Eunice says, 'Darren had a lot of input. He suggested the layout and some colours which would go with the kitchen, and he introduced us to the integrated elements, such as the pull-out larders. He worked through all that and helped a great deal with putting it all together. The whole design process took about five months, but the fit-out of the kitchen took exactly one week from start to finish.'





As the couple had spent a lot of time researching the colour of their kitchen, it was only fitting that all the furniture within the room was colour co-ordinated. Glenvale obtained the table and chairs through their furniture outlet and custom sprayed them the same colour as the kitchen units. Glenvale also customised an antique dresser from their previous kitchen, by stripping back the old layers and re-spraying it red to match the Aga.

Flooring comes in the form of locally sourced slate tiles, and ensures the kitchen colours blend perfectly together.

‘All of the appliances are by Whirlpool,’ explains Eunice. ‘We have a built-in oven, a built-in grill, a single oven and double oven, and then below that is a pull out warming drawer and a built-in microwave. We also have a wide hob, the Aga and a built-in dishwasher. It’s a kitchen that sees a lot of cooking, so it was important that we had these appliances.’

There are also various hidden features in the kitchen. The island unit has two pull out refrigerated drawers. There is a pull out larder which is beside the built-in oven, and built-in storage drawers in the corner units.

‘My favourite feature in the kitchen is the island unit. It’s very easy to work with as it’s in the middle of the kitchen and is close to the ovens and other appliances. The advice I was given from Glenvale Kitchens was great. They were very professional, knowledgeable and helpful, right from the first time we met them to when the fitters came, they were just terrific.’ ✕

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KITCHEN DESIGN

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Worktops: Black granite

Flooring: Slate tiles

APPLIANCES

Range: Aga

Dishwasher: Whirlpool

Oven: Whirlpool

Refrigerated drawers: Whirlpool

Warming drawer: Whirlpool

Grill: Whirlpool



The integrated elements from Dynamic Space, organise the kitchen into five clear zones; consumables, non-consumables, cleaning, preparation and cooking. These zones allow the kitchen to flow together. Unique products such as the four drawer larder system within the consumables zone, the syncromotion corner drawer within the preparation zone and the sink drawer within the cleaning zone, all make the kitchen extremely easy to use. Glenvale’s unique experiences with Dynamic Space over the years, as the leading showroom in Ireland, ensured that whatever work process was being undertaken within the kitchen, could be done quickly and easily. Custom made to the client’s specification, are the painted

tulipwood kitchen doors, which are a very stable material for a painted finish. The couple were however, very clear that they wanted a shaker style door due to its clean lines. Double glass display units with a beveled glass and stainless steel mesh, provide a symmetrical balance to the granite clad interior of the over mantle, which frames the red Aga. The kitchen also has a triple tiered cornice, which steps out over the wall units, and has been scribed to the ceiling to create a dramatic effect. The tongue and groove panelling around the kitchen, in a lightly deeper shade of grey, bridges the gap between the wall units and the grey and black granite perfectly. Extra storage comes in the form of the bespoke wine rack with bookshelf above.

