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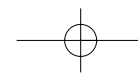
 Key info

- American white oak, painted in a Farrow & Ball custom mix from Glenvale Kitchens
- Vezanio triple edge granite worktop
- Fisher & Paykel integrated dishdrawers
- American fridge freezer and range cooker from Rangemaster
- Bosch integrated microwave
- Franke tap and Belfast sink
- Flooring from Modern Fireplaces

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Photography by Paul Sherwood.

The home: A traditional style new build in County Armagh.
Who lives here? Clare and Michael.





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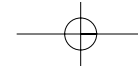
Many new kitchen designs involve knocking down walls, extending or renovating but for Clare and Michael, the process of planning their new kitchen couldn't have run any more smoothly. 'We were lucky because the house is a new build so we weren't restricted by room proportions. It's always been my ideal to have a spacious kitchen with lots of storage and worktop space. My priority is for a kitchen to be, above all, a practical space. Of course, it helps when it's visually appealing but, after all, it has to be a functional room to work in,' says Clare.

The house is in a traditional style and so it went without saying that Clare and Michael would go for a

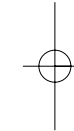
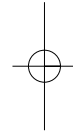
kitchen to reflect the style of the rest of the interior. 'We wanted to achieve a country look with lots of character. We had this very clear picture of what we wanted before we went to Glenvale Kitchens.' Clare's mother had previously bought a kitchen from Glenvale so the company came highly recommended. 'Susan, one of the designers at Glenvale, was a fantastic help. She had lots of fresh ideas for us and we were confident from the outset that we would be able to achieve our dream kitchen.'

American oak was chosen for the units. This specific timber has a visible grain and was the reason why Clare chose this particular wood. 'I loved the American oak – the natural grain gives a beautiful rustic feel which I felt





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would really enhance the overall theme. The main decision was choosing a specific colour to have it painted. We wanted to create a calming feel and chose a custom mix from Farrow & Ball. A contrasting granite work surface was chosen to add depth to the units. The unusual triple edge detail gives a chunky look, in keeping with the overall design. A generously proportioned island forms a focal point and also provides additional storage.

To either side of the fridge freezer is larder storage and handy little drawers are situated to either side of the range cooker. The storage is one of many strong points in this layout. 'Susan offered us endless options; it surprised me just how much storage can be fitted into

one kitchen.' Using the Glenvale Dynamic Space system, Susan has created clever use of space with fantastic pull out drawers and various ingenious larder drawer systems.

A great amount of detail has been put into this bespoke design. Hand carved corbels on the overmantel framing the range cooker, curved door finishes on the end units and a unique finish on the worktop edging all adds character and interest. Thanks to this couple's clear vision of what they wanted and Glenvale's versatility and innovative design techniques, this fabulous kitchen is in a league of its own.

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