



# GREEN WITH ENVY

Eye-catching appliances in an unusual, bold shade of lime provide a striking finish to Jacqueline and Francis's stunning walnut design



**ABOVE LEFT** The couple's everyday cutlery is organised in a stainless-steel, Orga-Line insert, so that all their knives, forks and spoons are accessible. Underneath the tray is a secret store for hiding tea towels

**ABOVE** Corner drawers pull out to maximise the use of this awkward kitchen space, which is often neglected. Designer Susan suggested The Space Corner from the Dynamically Different range to fill this area

**LEFT** Deep drawers integrated under the wet area store pots and pans, while crockery can be stacked securely without fear of it being jostled or damaged

Framed by walnut cabinetry and black splashback tiles from Armatile, the lime green Britannia range cooker has pride of place in Jacqueline's kitchen. The space is finished with a black glass Elica extractor



*I love... the cutlery drawer. It looks like a normal drawer but it's actually deeper. When you press a button, the cutlery tray slides in to reveal a hidden section underneath, which is very handy for storing my tea towels out of sight from guests'*

JACQUELINE O'REILLY

## DESIGN & CABINETS

■ Susan O'Neill at **Glenvale Kitchens**,  
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■ Bookmatched walnut veneer furniture  
from the Dynamically Different range

## WORKTOPS

■ Frosted Space GetaCore,  
Westag & Getalit AG. Price per linear m **£350**

## SINK & TAP

■ BOX11050 Bolero undermounted  
single-bowl sink in stainless steel, Franke **£316**  
■ Single-lever monobloc mixer tap  
in chrome with pull-out rinse,  
for similar try TGSNKC Target, Britan **£207**

## APPLIANCES (shown)

■ Sigma dual-fuel range cooker  
in lime green, Britannia **£4,979**  
■ OM extractor hood in black glass,  
Elica **£1,399**  
■ FAB30VE7 freestanding larder  
fridge freezer, Smeg **£988**  
■ DF6FABVE integrated dishwasher,  
Smeg **£722**

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The feeling of space in the room is enhanced by simple porcelain floor tiles from Pharaoh's Tiles & Ceramics. To keep the room bright, Jacqueline painted the walls in Dulux's Barley White, while the floating glass shelves have a lightbox base so double as a display unit and side lights. The stylish clock came from Dekko

*My best buys... were the lime green appliances. I love them and I'm glad I didn't compromise on what I wanted just to please other people.*

**T**hrilled to be the first owners of their new-build home in Armagh, Jacqueline O'Reilly, a company director, and her husband Francis Kiernan, a software engineer, couldn't wait to put their stamp on the property. Another bonus of buying the house when they did was that Jacqueline was able to create her own kitchen without having to make do with a set of units chosen by the developer.

Having worked with local company Glenvale Kitchens previously, Jacqueline knew the firm would be able to help her realise her vision. 'As we had a rectangular-shaped room, I didn't want to run the risk of the kitchen being like everyone else's – I thought it needed imagination,' she explains.

'In my previous house, I had a very traditional, cream hand-painted kitchen,' continues Jacqueline, 'so this time, I wanted something really modern with a sleek look.' However, when designer Susan O'Neill suggested cabinetry from the Dynamically Different

range, which allowed the couple to have a scheme tailored to suit their needs, she wasn't quite prepared for Jacqueline's choice of colour for her appliances. 'Jacqueline picked a lime green 1950s-style Smeg fridge freezer and dishwasher,' says Susan, 'which reflected her bravery and imagination with colour.'

More than happy to work with the adventurous shade, Susan debated with Jacqueline about what colour the range cooker should be. The inspired solution was to source a model from Britannia that could be colour-matched with the other bright appliances and the result is that all three blend together to form the main feature of the kitchen. Jacqueline freely admits that the colour is possibly not to everyone's taste but she loves it. She laughs as she recalls how the plumber remarked to the tiler on the shade of the dishwasher. 'He didn't like it,' she says. 'I think he asked the tiler if he had ever seen anything like it before.' The tiler said nothing, being a wise man and

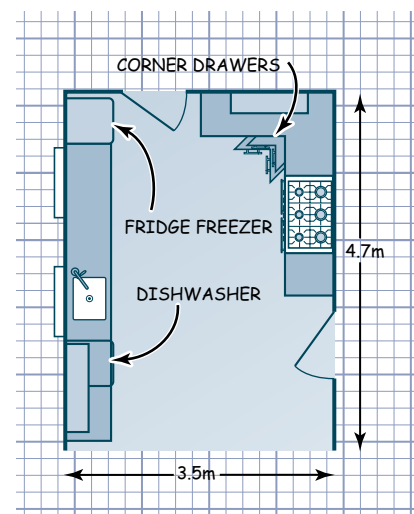
also Jacqueline's uncle. 'But,' she continues, 'most people love it and think it's great.'

The lime green shade contrasts well with the walnut kitchen cabinetry so Jacqueline chose to swap the skirting boards and the internal doors for the same dark wood to match. Susan also suggested not using any wall units so the room didn't look closed in. 'The windows are quite small and narrow and having no cabinets shutting out the light gives a feeling of space, which I love,' explains Jacqueline.

By combining retro styling from the 1950s in an ultra-modern, streamlined and efficient kitchen, Jacqueline has remained true to herself and created a unique scheme that will surely stand the test of time for years to come. 'I am really delighted with my new kitchen,' she smiles. 'It's functional and great to entertain in. Best of all, though, is that even on a dull day, the bright appliances lift my spirits and make me smile. You can't beat that.'

**RIGHT** The large Franke sink has been mounted below the surface so the Frosted Space quartz could be fitted in a smooth run. A flexible tap located to the side has a pull-out rinse, which is great for washing pans or cleaning the bowl after use, and boasts different settings to change the flow from a single stream to a shower spray

**BELOW** To break up the expanse of walnut units, designer Susan slotted the Smeg dishwasher next to the sink, so any plates or glasses could be stacked in after being rinsed. The fridge freezer finishes off the run and sits to the side of an internal door. 'My grandmother had an original 1950s fridge freezer in her kitchen and I couldn't wait to get one like it,' says Jacqueline



## GUIDE PRICE

■ Starting price for a  
Glenvale Kitchens design **£15,000**