

✦ Key info

- High gloss white polyurethane bespoke kitchen from the Dynamically Different range at Glenvale Kitchens
- White quartz work surfaces
- Marble splashback
- Westin Downdraft extraction system
- Oven, steam oven, warming drawer, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, all Miele



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The home: A renovated 1970s home in Rathgar, Co Dublin.

Who lives here? Asta, David and their daughters Katie and Ashley.



Asta and David lived in their 1970s home for six months before starting their renovation project. 'The interior was hideous but we wanted to live in the house in its original state, to get a feel for the interior and the layout,' says Asta.

This period gave the couple a much clearer idea of how they wanted to proceed with the refurbishment. Moving out for eight months, Asta, David and their two young daughters have just recently moved back in to what's now a stunning contemporary home with an amazing cutting edge kitchen! 'We're delighted with the kitchen; it's the most popular room in the entire house. The old kitchen was horrific and was in a different part of the house. We've knocked three rooms into one. Now we've got 900 sq. ft. of great space from what was the dining room, lounge and conservatory.'

Asta and David love contemporary design so they wanted an ultra modern kitchen which was not only stylish but practical too. Although this new room is sited to the rear of the house, the open plan layout means you can see it from the hallway – even more reason for it to have the wow factor! After shopping around several showrooms, the couple decided on Glenvale Kitchens.



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'Darren, the designer, was fantastic to deal with. He really knows what he's talking about, the customer service is excellent and he instilled a confidence that we would be more than happy with the results.'

Deciding on a white high gloss design, Asta and David chose a modern look with clean lines. Darren gave the couple endless options and together they discussed various colours, finishes and layouts. The striking finish contrasts with a brown marble splashback creating a look of simplistic elegance. While some people assume that pure white looks cold, it's certainly not the case in this scheme. The dark window frames and splashback add contrast, making this design crisp and inviting.

One of the key features is the fantastic island. 'We didn't realise how large it was until we saw it in situ, but the room's big enough to carry it. This is my favourite aspect of the room; the worktop is so thick and the island itself is really substantial with lots of

concealed storage.' Despite having lots of storage space, this is a streamlined and very stylish piece of furniture, as well as the main food prep and cooking zone. Darren has put a lot of thought into the design, dividing the layout into specific zones to ensure that it functions efficiently as a family kitchen, as well as looking stunning! The Westin Downdraft extraction system is fitted into the worktop. 'This was an important addition. I didn't want an extractor coming down from the ceiling and imposing on the design.'

Although minimalist in its appeal, this kitchen conceals more than enough practical storage for this young family. Aside from the island, there's a tall larder; along with wall units, some with frosted glass inserts, adding texture and reflecting light. 'This design is perfect for our family and feels even more special because it's been designed specifically to meet our exact needs, making it totally unique.'

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