

# Kitchen Design of the Year

(Under £25K)

## Winner

Susie Rumbold & Sophie Rutherford,  
Tessuto Interiors

This kitchen is situated in what was originally one of the principle reception rooms of a magnificent grade 2 listed Georgian house in the Marylebone area of London. The space had been converted to offices during the 1980s, but retained many of its original features including ornate cornicing and panelling.

Tessuto was commissioned to return the space to residential use as part of a larger development of apartments from the clients, the Quint and Flagship Group. The brief was to create a luxury one-bedroom pied a terre, incorporating the very latest in home technology whilst also retaining the original spirit and grandeur of the rooms.

The difficulty was how to incorporate a kitchen into the sitting room without touching the walls or ceiling in any way (which was a condition of the listed building consent that had been obtained) and prevent it from detracting from the architecture.

The solution was to create an ergonomic 'work around' island kitchen with a breakfast bar at one end to accommodate two stools, and incorporate an innovative DeDietrich down-draught extraction system ducted to the outside between the floor joists.

Apart from the extractor, the kitchen was fully equipped with

Siemens appliances including compact dishwasher, larder fridge, larder freezer, combination microwave oven, combination washer/drier and a black glass induction hob that vanishes against the black granite worktop that houses it.

Susie Rumbold and Sophie Rutherford designed the kitchen using bespoke cabinetry with high gloss white doors, contrasting walnut shadow gaps and framing, and anthracite grey cupboard interiors.

Attention to detail was key throughout. The flame-textured granite wraps up and over the entire island, a square under-mounted sink was used with an innovative recessed drainer, and power for appliances is provided using Evoline pop-up ports. In addition, LED plinth lighting was installed so that the view from the seating area was of a kitchen island that appears to float over the rich walnut floor.

The judges were impressed by the level of detail and the bold simple solution given to what was a tricky project that presented a host of restrictions.

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