



# Bespoke Beauty & PRACTICAL PERFECTION

Jenny Cooper says the transformation of her home by Nordhus Furniture was 'the most amazing experience'. Rachael Hale tells us what happened.

Jenny Cooper and her two young daughters love to cook and bake simultaneously. Unfortunately, the kitchen installed in their new home was poorly designed, badly fitted and lacking in storage and workspace. A new kitchen was the only solution and Jenny asked Rikke Mitchell, founder of Nordhus Furniture, to create a bespoke design that would allow the whole family to be together.

When asked why she chose Nordhus Furniture, Jenny revealed that she liked the idea of working with a local, independent company and, as she'd previously met Rikke Mitchell, immediately thought of her. Jenny also knew she wanted to have a bespoke

kitchen as she'd tried to cope with the shortcomings of her old one by adding additional pieces of freestanding furniture. The result was a 'hodgepodge', and she wanted a clean-lined, practical space that would allow several members of her family to use it at the same time. Finally, Jenny knew her home needed new flooring and heating and had an existing damp problem, but she didn't want to have to deal with lots of individual companies. As Rikke originally trained as a Building Surveyor and is the founder of both Nordhus Furniture and Baltic Star Design & Build, Jenny knew she'd be able to solve all their problems.

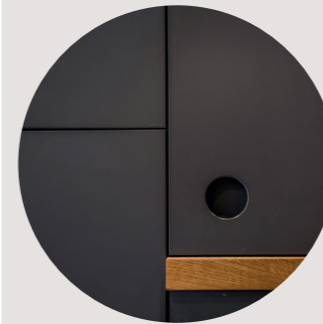
One of Jenny's biggest concerns about having a new kitchen was that she and her husband would feel



overwhelmed with all the decisions and choices they had to make. She says, 'We didn't want to spend all our spare time searching for things or debating about what colour cabinets to choose, so being able to hand everything over to Rikke and her team was perfect. We just wanted to get it all done, and it was the most amazing experience.'

She goes on to add, 'from the time we first visited the Nordhus showroom to the first day of installation was just six weeks, which I think is astonishing considering everything has been designed, and handmade, just for us. We'd also asked Rikke to redesign our lounge at the same time as we didn't have enough seating or storage space, so there was a lot to be done, but the results are phenomenal.'

Having people in your home, especially when you're working and have a young family, can be stressful, but Jenny says, 'Rikke's team are wonderful. They are all genuinely nice people and continuously turned up on time and told us what they were doing. They all take pride in their work and tidy up beautifully. Rikke frequently came around too and was always available if we had any questions. Another aspect that they did



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## THE DETAILS

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brilliantly was that they concealed the stresses from us. There was a problem with one of the ovens at one point – I think it had been damaged in transit – but we didn't know anything about it. The problem was sorted behind the scenes without us having any involvement.'

The kitchen is now a room Jenny's family love to be in, and when asked what she loves most, Jenny says, 'It just makes me feel content. The design is timeless, and we've gained additional storage, extra workspace and a much-wanted dishwasher. Everything now has a proper place, and Rikke even managed to fit in a new desk area that everyone wants to use. The lounge is just beautiful too. It's full of gorgeous bookcases that don't overwhelm the space, and for the first time since moving in, we all have somewhere to sit. Rikke even helped us with our lighting, appliance and wall colour choices. It's all the little well thought out details that have made a huge difference, and Rikke has delivered everything we wanted. The whole project has definitely improved the quality of our day-to-day life.' ■