

MULTICOLOURED REFURB

# 'I adore my kitchen's bright tones'

Dazzling terrazzo and contrasting colours have given Emma Hoyle an uplifting scheme

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**WHAT DID YOU DISLIKE ABOUT THE OLD KITCHEN?**

Nothing had been done to my 1950s terrace since the 1980s! I put up with the tiny galley kitchen and its claustrophobic cupboards for over ten years as I was saving up to renovate the whole house and do a loft conversion.

**CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR INITIAL PLANS?**

I wanted to include a cloakroom and utility, and to knock through to the dining room because I like entertaining. Darren Oldfield and Rita Farrell from Darren Oldfield Architects in London are great examples of why you should use an architect – they came up with ideas that had never occurred to

me. Darren's corner window-seat sketch for example was amazing, and a great solution as I didn't want bifolds across the back.

**HOW DID YOU GAIN THE EXTRA SPACE?**

Extending by three metres meant I could afford to lose a little space at the back of the room to create a loo that's accessible from the hallway. There's an opening through to the living room on the other side and a utility cupboard for my washing machine and dryer.

**DID YOU ALWAYS PLAN A BRIGHT SCHEME?**

I wanted bold colours as the décor everywhere else in the house is →



**UNIQUE STYLE**

The terrazzo worktop and cupboard colours make this Pluck kitchen feel like one of a kind. Emma chose a textured-tile splashback in mint for an aged effect and open shelving for a less enclosed feel than wall cupboards, while wall lights are IP-rated for safety near

BEFORE



**The project details**

**MEET THE RENOVATOR**

Emma Hoyle, an HR director for a film and TV company, lives here

**MAKEOVER BRIEF**

To knock through the small galley kitchen to the dining room, then extend to create a larger space for entertaining

**PROJECT COSTS**

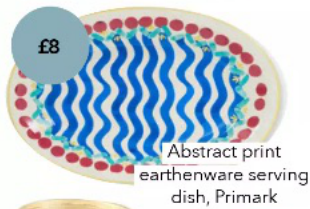
Cupboards **£19,500** Appliances **£12,200** Worktop **£5,000** Sink & tap **£1,348** Tiles **£276**

**TOTAL SPEND**

**£38,324**



3 of the best  
BOLD BOWLS



Abstract print earthenware serving dish, Primark



Sur La Table bamboo tray & dipping bowls, Pure Table Top



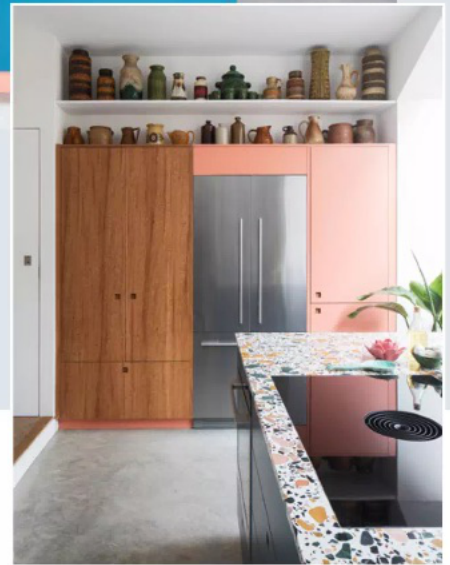
Expressive floral melamine salad bowl, M&S

↑ SOCIABLE LAYOUT

With a built-in extractor installed beneath the concrete flooring, placing the hob on the island means Emma can chat with her guests while cooking

MIX & MATCH →

Bespoke doors conceal a pantry on the left and boiler on the right, with shelving above displaying Emma's West German vintage pottery collection



more muted. I had seen one of Pluck's kitchens on a TV design show, and absolutely adored their big larders and painted plywood style. I was even more delighted to find they are in Brixton, which is local to me.

HOW DID YOU CHOOSE THE DOOR COLOURS?

I spent some time debating over whether to have a blue or green kitchen, and Pluck advised adding another pop of colour. We began exploring a different shade on the plinths and inside the cupboards. I went for blue and salmon as I really liked their pink shade, Ritzzy, which led to a whole cupboard in it, a larder in London Plane,

with Atlantic Blue everywhere else. Pluck were brilliant and so collaborative.

WAS IT TRICKY TO BLEND ALL THE SURFACE MATERIALS?

Terrazzo flooring looks fun but I thought I might get bored with it. At Diespeker & Còs marble yard, I couldn't believe it when I found a worktop slab in the cupboard colours. I downplayed the floor with →



polished concrete and fell in love with the Moroccan mint green tiles – it was a risk to add another colour but it works well.

#### TELL US ABOUT THE LAYOUT

Darren planned three task zones and Pluck came in with details, such as a hob on the island with a built-in extractor so I didn't need a bulky hood. With bench seating and the dining table so close by, I didn't want bar stools but to have

more storage. I got everything – including a dishwasher and wine fridge I didn't have before.

#### WHAT ARE YOU PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH NOW IT'S FINISHED?

I walk through the front door and straight into my kitchen, and it delights me every time. The window seat is my favourite feature, and sitting there having a coffee or a glass of wine always makes me feel happy ☺



**↑ WINDOW SEAT**  
Bespoke plywood bench seating features built-in storage, with a window and roof lights brightening this corner

**← DESIGN DETAILS**  
The Ercol chairs and dining table appeal to Emma's love of vintage style, complemented by industrial-style factory lighting and Crittall-style doors

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## Shopping List

Plywood **cupboards** painted in Atlantic Blue & Ritzy, veneered in London Plane, £19,500; Franke Maris **sink**, £349; Fisher & Paykel integrated **fridge-freezer**, £3,099; Caple WI3125 **wine chiller**, £459; Miele H7164B **oven**, £2,398; Miele G5260SCVi **dishwasher**, £899, all Pluck Kitchens. Fusion Quooker **tap**, £999, Appliance House. For a similar **hob**, try the Elica NT-Switch BG DO 83cm venting induction, £2,390, [AO.com](http://AO.com). Terrazzo **worktops**, £5,000, Diespeker & Co. Splashback Zellige **tiles**, £114 per sqm, Mosaic Factory. For a similar **wall light**, try the Fender, £94.99, Dowsing & Reynolds. Vintage factory **pendant lights**, £600 for three, Lassco. Ercol **dining table & chairs**, £1,600, Ebay