

# 1 Classic Shaker style

An original 1930s wooden dresser and a brand-new Aga inspired the scheme in Tony and Sheila Huggett's kitchen

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**Before**

The kitchen was very small and cramped, the old pine units needed updating and the floor was uneven.

After 20 years of living with their small, impractical kitchen, Sheila and Tony Huggett decided it was time for a complete change. 'We wanted to increase the size of the room as the old one was really too small for us and our two grown-up children, Nicky and Christopher, who are both in their early twenties,' Tony explains. 'I'd fitted some old pine units in 1981 which, in the past few years, were starting to look very dated and worn with the usual wear and tear. We also needed to fit a new floor as the old one was very uneven. It was made up of a combination of quarry tiles, concrete and floorboards, all

of which were covered with patterned lino.' The couple didn't want to gut the entire room as they had an original 1930s built-in dresser that Sheila loved. 'We decided to add a small extension onto the end of the kitchen, and kept the old picture window so that it could be fitted at one end of the new room,' says Sheila. 'There was also a small area that used to be a boiler room so we worked that into the design and turned it into a utility area. I had always wanted an Aga, and we had the great idea to use it as a sort of divide between the two different zones.' With the extension in full swing, the couple ▶



▲ Shaker-style doors – painted in Dix Blue by Farrow & Ball – fill the longer side of the room, and are broken up by a traditional plate rack and a smart stainless-steel oven. Sheila and her daughter, Nicky, 22, love spending time in their new kitchen.

◀ A classic Belfast sink and a stylish bridge mixer tap were fitted in front of the original side window. The maple worktops provide a natural touch and link the new extension at the far end with the rest of the room, creating a continuous feel.



### What it cost

Units, worktops, paint	£10,951
Appliances	£7,160
Lighting	£439
Sink and taps	£399
Flooring	£1,589
Tiles	£102
Paint (on walls)	£32
Table	£599
<b>Total</b>	<b>£21,271</b>