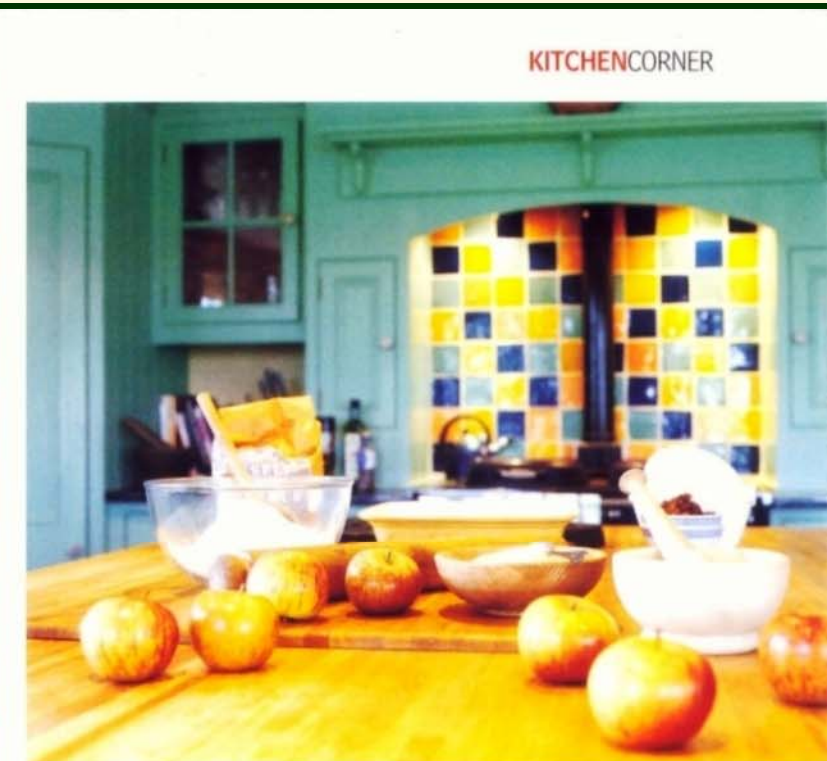




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# Sliding doors

The Collis family love to spend much of their time outside in the garden, so when it came to planning their kitchen, they wanted to bring in a sense of the space beyond.



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**A**s a keen gardener and her husband, Peter, a landscape contractor Gaye Collis admits she is delighted to have plenty of views onto their pretty garden from the kitchen. "I can see the original well from here and I love the fact that I have created my herb garden around it so the space is practical too."

The couple chose to extend their 17th century cottage to accommodate their new kitchen. Where the original kitchen ended, their Spanish chestnut dining table now takes pride of place in the new light and airy bay which overlooks the garden on three sides.

The distinctive colour of the units, crafted by cabinet maker Graham Clifton, came about more by chance than design. "I saw it in a magazine," laughs Gaye. "Rather bizarrely, >>

**Opposite** The island unit has become the perfect focal point which features a sliding cover for the couple's hob unit. It is also ideal for Gaye to prepare the food whether for guests or husband, Peter.

**Above** Gaye loves using the Aga and she has made this appliance stand out even more with its backdrop of brightly coloured Fired Earth tiles and downlighting.

**INSIDE INFO:**

**Who lives here?** Peter, a landscape contractor, his wife Gaye and their two children, Benjamin, 15 and Katie, nine plus two black Labradors, Maddie and Murphy.

**Where is this property located?** The cottage is situated in a Surrey village with a green, a pond and an active village hall, of which Gaye is the secretary. The cottage was originally 17th century, but was virtually pulled down and rebuilt in the 50s, not all sympathetically. Where possible, Peter and Gaye have tried to make their additions tie in with what was left of the original cottage.

**Description of kitchen:** The kitchen units were made to measure by cabinet maker Graham Clifton and painted in the Dulux Trade colour 'Softness'. Starting prices are from around £20,000.

**KITCHEN FLOOR PLAN:**

6m

8.75m

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