



TRADITIONAL

Old charm

Calming creams and reclaimed elm come together with rustic touches in the Bartletts' kitchen to create an authentic country feel

Kim's rustic-style kitchen has all the pretty country appeal of a traditional design with the added benefit of modern-day appliances. The pine dining table, which Mr Smudge the cat loves to sit on, was inherited. It has been painted in the same blend of Farrow & Ball's Green Ground and Pointing that is on the units





Iroko wood shelves with chunky brackets display Kim's sleek anodised pots and pans from The Professional Cookware Company. The tongue-and-groove cupboards below, with wrought-iron butterfly hinges, have been deliberately distressed for an authentic aged look. The rugged handmade Cambodian clay tiles behind the range cooker are from Bodj

Although Kim Bartlett was looking forward to redesigning her kitchen, the last thing she wanted was a room that looked brand new. 'The house dates from 1790 and used to be a working watermill,' Kim, a property developer, explains. 'As the kitchen is the first room you walk into, it had to be cosy and welcoming and I wanted to create the impression of an old kitchen that we'd restored.'

Having tackled the rest of the mill refurbishment, Kim and her husband Paul had plenty of time to consider what they wanted in their new kitchen. The couple had already planned to ask Paul Parker of Copperfield Interiors to visit, after a local recommendation. Paul specialises in wood furniture and his beautifully built, painted pine furniture was just what Kim had in mind to suit the mill's traditional style.

After consulting with Kim, Paul suggested a multi-layered paint effect for the furniture to foster the idea of a characterful kitchen that had evolved over time. To avoid the cabinetry looking fitted, Kim also asked for a run of reclaimed elm furniture to add to the room's rustic style. 'I wanted to keep the light, homely feel so instead of wall cabinets, Paul proposed wooden shelves with Victorian-style brackets and a mixture of patterned dark granite and iroko worktops,' says Kim.

A retro-style fridge freezer and dishwasher, together with a smart range cooker, ensures that the Bartletts have all the modern conveniences they need. 'I'm glad we left the kitchen until last as we wouldn't have the pleasure of having a beautiful room like this if we'd rushed it,' smiles Kim. **BK**

▼ The reclaimed elm furniture has been waxed to preserve its delicate colour, while the Victorian-style, handmade hinges and door knobs came from Glastonbury Reclamation. Kim spotted the stylish Smeg fridge freezer at a friend's house and knew that it would fit well in her country scheme. The retro appliance blends into the panelled wall behind that is painted in Farrow & Ball's Pointing

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Two pull-out wicker baskets, which store bread and fresh vegetables, have been incorporated into the cabinetry made up of reclaimed elm. With the granite surface just above, their contents are well-placed for preparing a hearty lunch

A professional-style monobloc mixer tap with pull-out spray attachment by Astracast acts as the perfect accompaniment to the generous farmhouse sink from Villeroy & Boch. The attractive multi-toned granite continues as an upstand to complete the look



“The retro-style fridge freezer is my favourite appliance. I fell in love with its elegant, roomy style and it boasts a nifty door alarm that alerts us if we leave it open”



KIM BARTLETT





Decorative details, such as the pretty lantern hanging above the table, which the couple bought while holidaying in Morocco, a vintage tablecloth from Alexandra Cunha and the large clock from Rossiters of Bath, all help to recapture the watermill's original charm

Kim enjoys sinking into her comfy sofa with a cup of tea and a good book while dinner cooks. The Ruabon Heather Brown floor tiles were sourced from Frome Tiles



THE KITCHEN FILE

DESIGN & CABINERY

- Paul Parker at **Copperfield Interiors**, 2 Park Hill Drive, Frome, Somerset BA11 2LE (01373 464703)
- Bespoke hand-painted pine and reclaimed elm furniture

WORKTOPS

- Iroko. Price per linear m **£220**
- Verde Marinace granite. Price per sq m **£600**

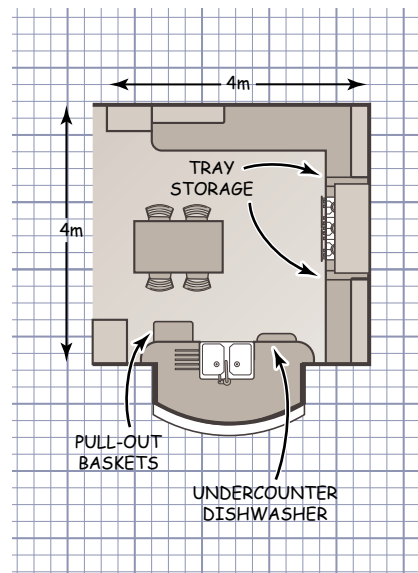
SINK & TAP

- Farmhouse 80 double-bowl ceramic sink, Villeroy & Boch **£300**
- Nordic 706 monobloc mixer tap with pull-out rinse in chrome, Astracast **£330**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- Existing dual-fuel range cooker, for similar try Sterling 800DF, Stoves **£1,000**
- D5855 canopy extractor hood, Neff **£220**
- FPD34PD freestanding fridge freezer in cream, Smeg **£1,480**
- DF6FABP freestanding dishwasher in cream, Smeg **£660**

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GUIDE PRICE

- Cabinetry only **£20,000**