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PUTNEY HOME



## SILVER SERVICE

A contemporary kitchen surrounded by interesting antiques works beautifully in this Edwardian home where old meets new

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**Previous page (p151):** Large pan drawers were installed beneath the hob to ensure quick and easy access whilst cooking.

**Right:** A zebra print rug both softens and enlivens the sleek, contemporary kitchen design.

“I think we were the only people in Putney who wanted to take this place on,” says Ancia Cronje of the derelict Edwardian property she and husband Andre renovated. The building was completely run-down, but for this ambitious duo it only added to the challenge. The couple had been looking for a project – a house they could make their own for themselves and their teenage son – and this ramshackle dwelling offered bundles of potential.

Andre and Ancia are originally from South Africa so plenty of light and outdoor living space were key objectives of the redesign. They decided to dig out the basement and tack a double-height glass box onto the back of the house, which floods the ground and lower ground floors with natural light. Moreover, by creating a mezzanine layout, where stairs from the dining area lead down into a voluminous living room, the family spaces feel even more open, airy and connected. The pair then had a stunning kitchen designed for them by Amy Chan of Kitchen Architecture, which blends effortlessly with the garden both visually and functionally. Here, Ancia tells us more about the kitchen design process...

#### **What made you choose Kitchen Architecture?**

I've wanted to use the company in past projects but haven't had the budget so we went to see the showroom and I just fell in love with the finishes. The kitchens are so elegant and the craftsmanship is beautiful.

#### **So you wanted something contemporary?**

We do actually really like classical design and I have always loved European antiques, but this was a modern extension on an Edwardian house so we wanted a mix of old and new. We didn't want a wooden or country-style kitchen and we knew that a Bulthaup one, in neutrals or greys, would work well in here.

#### **What was your brief to your designer, Amy?**

We want to live outside as much as possible so it had to function in a way that, when we are eating or entertaining out on the patio, it all works seamlessly as one space. Other than that we pretty much gave Amy free rein to put a proposal forward – I'm quite creative, but when it comes to kitchen planning, she's the expert and knows how everything works. For example, I originally had a different colour in mind for the wall units – I wanted a more puffy colour, but she said to go for the white. I wasn't sure, but she said 'trust me' and I'm glad I did!

#### **What about appliances – did you have a wishlist?**

I was gung ho on Gaggenau from the start so everything is Gaggenau and I have been extremely happy with them all. Amy made an appointment for me to go to a demonstration to see all the appliances in action and that was great.

#### **What's the highlight of the kitchen for you?**

The island with the induction hob – I really enjoy cooking on it. Also I'm a very clean person and I got sick of scrubbing gas hobs, so I love that now I can just wipe it down as fast as lightning. For Andre, I think it would have to be the wine storage unit! KBE





**Above left:** "I think the way Amy has designed the island is phenomenal – the kitchen is not enormous, but the island offers masses of storage front and back," says Ancie. "We were worried at first because we had so much stuff, but as soon as we started putting everything in the island it all disappeared."

**Left:** A cosy little sitting area with antique armchair and blanket ladder has been created between the kitchen and dining zones and looks down into the living area below.

**Opposite page, bottom:** This elegant outdoor furniture from Dika creates a lovely environment for alfresco dining and entertaining.

Ancia is thrilled with her new kitchen and overall refurbishment of the house. "I had so much fun with it – I would do it again tomorrow!" she says.



**Q&A**

**Homeowner Ancia Cronje says...**

**Which research tools did you find the most useful when starting out?**  
I looked at loads of magazines and websites – I trawled and trawled until I saw what I wanted, even just for the lights.

**Were there any major budget surprises?**  
No, I think we knew what we were in for.

**Any tips for people embarking on a similar project?**  
I think it helped we had a clear idea of what we wanted, but we also listened to the experts. You have to be open to their suggestions as they have all the technical expertise and knowledge.

**Did you make any major U-turns during the project?**  
No, not really. It was a two-year project in total and we had so much fun with it. I would do it again tomorrow – we've been looking forward to summer so we can use the patio!



**Below:** A double-height glass extension brings a huge amount of natural light into the charming Edwardian property.

**Above:** "A stainless-steel splashback was used in the recess to link with the island design," says Amy. Gagganau appliances have been positioned either side of the sink area to enhance the symmetrical look.



## GET THE LOOK

**Right:** Vincent Sheppard Emma dining chair, £349, Lloyd Loom. (01242 772108 or [www.lloyd-loom.co.uk](http://www.lloyd-loom.co.uk))

**Left:** Metal adjustable swivel barstool, £99, Rockett St George. (01444 253391 or [www.rockettstgeorge.co.uk](http://www.rockettstgeorge.co.uk))

**Right:** Original BTC large Phane ceiling light, £269, John Lewis. (0345 604 9049 or [www.johnlewis.com](http://www.johnlewis.com))

**Right:** Swedese Breeze side table in copper, £644, Nest. (0114 243 3000 or [www.nest.co.uk](http://www.nest.co.uk))

**Left:** Eucalyptus ladder by Out There Interiors, £160, Not On The High Street. (0345 259 1359 or [www.notonthehighstreet.com](http://www.notonthehighstreet.com))

**Right:** Zebra print cowhide rug, £595, Amara. (0800 587 7845 or [www.amara.com](http://www.amara.com))

## SourceBook

### DESIGN

**Kitchen** Amy Chan of Kitchen Architecture (020 8786 1960 or [www.kitchenarchitecture.co.uk](http://www.kitchenarchitecture.co.uk))

### KITCHEN

**Cabinetry** Bulthaup b3 furniture in Kacolin laminate (tail housing) and grey aluminium (island), Kitchen Architecture, as before

**Worktops** Stainless steel, Kitchen Architecture, as before

**Appliances** Single oven, steam oven, combi-microwave oven, coffee machine, warming drawer, fridge, freezer, wine storage unit, induction hob and dishwasher, all Gaggenau (0844 892 8988 or [www.gaggenau.com/gb](http://www.gaggenau.com/gb))

**Flooring** Engineered grey stained, oiled oak floor in chevron pattern, Trunk (020 7498 9665 or [www.trunksurfaces.com](http://www.trunksurfaces.com))

**Taps** KWC mixer (020 8875 9335 or [www.swissinelondon.co.uk](http://www.swissinelondon.co.uk)) and Quooker boiling-water tap (0345 533 3555 or [www.quooker.co.uk](http://www.quooker.co.uk))

**Sink** Bulthaup (0844 846 7810 or [www.en.bulthaup.com](http://www.en.bulthaup.com))

**Barstools** Metal adjustable swivel barstool, Rockett St George (01444 253391 or [www.rockettstgeorge.co.uk](http://www.rockettstgeorge.co.uk))

**Pendant lights** Large Phane ceiling light, Original BTC (020 7351 2130 or [www.originalbtc.com](http://www.originalbtc.com))

**Armchair** 18th-century Fiesch wing chair, Martyn Fower, Puckhaber Decorative

Antiques (020 3304 7327 or [www.puckhaberdecorativeantiques.com](http://www.puckhaberdecorativeantiques.com)). For similar try Oficina Inglesa (020 7226-4569 or [www.oficininglesa.com](http://www.oficininglesa.com))

**Rug** For similar try Graham and Green (020 8887 3700 or [www.grahamandgreen.co.uk](http://www.grahamandgreen.co.uk))

**Dining table** Wrought-iron base with antique fruitwood top, I & J. Brown (020 7736 4141 or [www.brownantiques.com](http://www.brownantiques.com)). For similar try Nicky Cornell (0845 604 0244 or [www.nickycornell.com](http://www.nickycornell.com))

**Chairs** Vincent Sheppard wicker chairs, Lloyd Loom (01242 772108 or [www.lloyd-loom.co.uk](http://www.lloyd-loom.co.uk))

**Side table** For similar try Swoon Editions (020 3137 2464 or [www.swooneditions.com](http://www.swooneditions.com))

**Blanket ladder** Antique vineyard ladder, Puckhaber Decorative Antiques, as before. For similar try 1st Dibs ([www.1stdibs.com](http://www.1stdibs.com))

**Sideboard** Antique French apothecary cabinet with turned wooden columns, Puckhaber Decorative Antiques, as before. For similar try 1st Dibs, as before

**Outdoor furniture** Oka (0844 815 7380 or [www.okadirect.com](http://www.okadirect.com))

### COST

Kitchens from Kitchen Architecture start from around £50,000