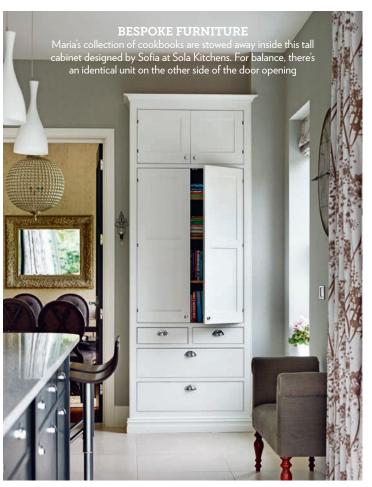




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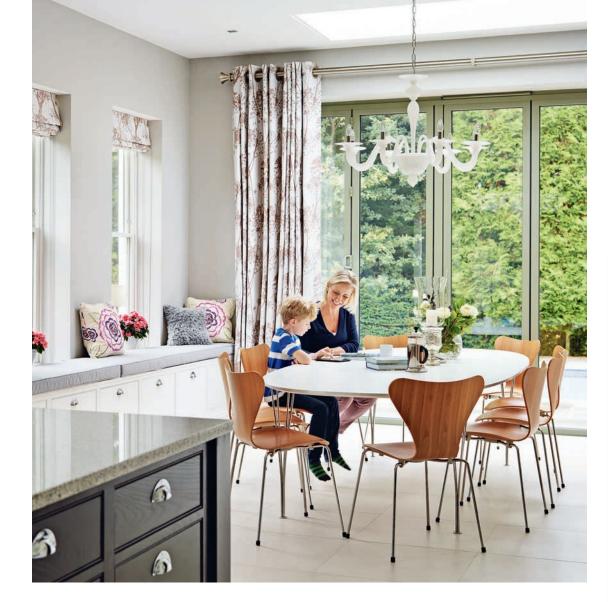
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OWNER'S TIP 'If you want glazed cabinets with interior lighting but not too many items on display, opt for double-panel doors with the top section made of glass'

any possibility of me tripping over the dogs - or even Tiger, our eight-year-old!'

Choosing the room's colour scheme took considerable time and involved Maria and Sofia looking at a range of fabric, wallpaper and HEART OF THE HOUSE granite samples, then mixing and matching them until they found the right combination. Black-and-white painted cabinetry offset with Bianco Crystal granite worktops, pale-grey wallpaper and cream porcelain flooring create a subtle monochrome look. 'We decided to keep the existing floor tiles as they were in such good condition,' says Maria. 'Ideally we would have laid new flooring, as it's not really to our taste, but it would have been too expensive and time-consuming.

INTEGRATED SCHEME

Maria and Ola had a list of appliances they wanted to include in their new kitchen, but instead of having them on show, the couple preferred their equipment to be hidden away for fear of ruining the classic lines of the beautiful cabinetry. 'I just didn't want to see lots of squares everywhere, insists Maria. So, other

than the traditional-style range cooker, the appliances are either fully integrated or discreetly concealed inside a cupboard.

The installation of the kitchen took place while the Andersson family was on holiday. 'We were going away for two and a half weeks so Sofia arranged for the work to be done then, which was perfect timing,' says Maria. Half-expecting to return to a building site, the couple were pleasantly surprised when they walked into the kitchen and found the room complete. 'It looked amazing,' recalls Maria. 'We couldn't believe they had done it all in such a short space of time – they must have worked all day and night."

The end result is a smart Scandi-influenced scheme, which looks impressive and functions efficiently. 'We all love the new kitchen,' says Maria. 'It has changed the whole dynamic of the house, which feels much more homely. It was very important to me and Ola that everything was right so that the kitchen would become the centre of our home."

DINING AREA

Although there's a separate dining room leading off the kitchen, the family have most of their meals together in this informal, light-filled space. It's also the perfect place for Maria to help Tiger with his homework

SHOP THE LOOK

■ Hand-painted solid-ash furniture from the Newport range at Sola Kitchens. A similar kitchen, cabinetry only, costs £55,000

WORKSURFACES AND SPLASHBACK

■ Bianco Crystal **granite**. Price per linear m £515

FLOORING

■ Porcelain tiles, for similar, try Moon Polished Nano, The Tile Depot. Price per sq m £39

■ 120cm Sigma dual-fuel range cooker, Britannia £5,400

■ Freestanding microwave, Miele £480 ■ Stratus ceiling extractor hood,

Westin £1,350 ■ Fully integrated larder fridge,

Gaggenau £4,710 ■ Fully integrated freezer,

Gaggenau £4,150 Fully integrated dishwasher, Gaggenau £912

SINKS AND TAPS

■ BlancoClaron 500-U undermounted single-bowl sink in stainless steel, Blanco £475

■ BlancoRonis-U undermounted roundbowl sink in stainless steel. Blanco £538 ■ 2 x Oxygen single-lever monobloc mixer taps in chrome with pull-out rinse,

Gessi, each £258 ■ Design **boiling-water tap** in chrome, Quooker £834

FINISHING TOUCHES

■ Super-Elliptical dining table, Skandium, from £1.435

■ Series 7 dining chairs, Skandium, each from £316

■ Bar stools, for similar, try Julian Bowen Stratos, Ascendi, each £69

■ White **pendant lights**, Town House Interiors, each £90

■ Villaverde Murano Perla glass chandelier, Town House Interiors £2,295

■ Alma Rose Indien cushion fabric, Manuel Canovas. Price per m £150

■ Kasimir Piet in Zinc seat-pad fabric, Designers Guild. Price per m £51

■ Arte Flamant Suite V in Lin Smoke wallpaper, Brian Yates. Price per roll £112 ■ Cabinetry paint, for similar, try Antique

White and Black Pearl eggshell, Eicó. Price per 2.5 litres £43.30

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