



THE OWNERS

Jonathan and Anniken Max and their sons Oliver, six, and Benjamin, two, live in a four-bedroom Victorian house in Wimbledon. Anniken is Norwegian and was looking for a kitchen that reflected her roots

The flooring in the kitchen and on the patio uses the same Pale Classic Quartz from Fired Earth which is suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. It creates a seamless surface linking the two areas together, so that when the large sliding glass door is open it makes one coherent space

The garden and kitchen are linked visually by colour – the garden shed is painted the same green as the kitchen wall, visually linking the two spaces

OPEN HOUSE

A fresh, Scandinavian theme and an open-plan design that moves seamlessly from inside to outside, helps this growing family to connect with nature and have room to breathe

When Jonathan and Anniken Max extended their home to create a large, open-plan Scandinavian-style kitchen, they approached Swedish designer Sofia Bune Strandh, managing director of Sola Kitchens. They asked her to work with them on a quality design that would withstand the bumps and bangs from two growing boys and that the style would stand the test of time.

Why choose Scandinavian style?

Anniken: "We were quite decisive when choosing the style; we wanted a Scandi look, as I am Norwegian; something rustic, but with some design pieces thrown in. We aren't planning to move house, so we chose a good quality wooden Scandinavian style kitchen that will last. Sofia from Sola Kitchens was professional from the start and came up with good solutions and ●●●"



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“This kitchen is bright, spacious and blends seamlessly with the outside. I love the bespoke drawers, one for each of us, and the large dining table means we can entertain family and friends.”

understood what we wanted to achieve. As the kitchens are bespoke and Scandinavian, it was the perfect match.”

How did you link the inside and outside?

Anniken: “We wanted a large sliding door, rather than bi-folding doors, as this really opens the room up and makes the indoors blend in with the outdoors – especially since we have the same flooring inside and out. Large glass windows in the ceiling were also a must-have feature.”

Sofia: “The space needed to be light and airy without any heavy features. In order to help link the interior and exterior spaces, the shed in the garden was painted in the same green colour as the wall in the kitchen which was coated in a green magnetic paint so it could also be used as a notice board.”

Why the forest themed wallpaper?

Anniken: “I got the idea of the wallpaper mural from looking at similar ideas but on a smaller scale in magazines. I wanted ●●●





a forest theme to link with the garden outside as well as picking up on the green wall at the back of the kitchen.”

What about the choice of wood?

Sofia: “They wanted a white and bright kitchen with wood details, but since the wall colour and wallpaper are very distinct, the actual cabinets needed to be kept relatively simple. The units are made with spray-painted veneered doors, with the veneer in coarse grained ash so that you can really see that it is wood. The client wanted the feeling of wood, so the veneered units in combination with the solid oak worktops worked very well. We also did some floating shelves in oak, as well as a wine rack, to add a bit more warmth to the kitchen.”

What’s the verdict?

Anniken: “This kitchen is bright, spacious and blends seamlessly with the outside. It’s a room we now spend hours in, and it’s perfect for entertaining, as it has several ‘zones’ – a large dining table, sofa, bar area, large patio and garden. Our boys like to play here, so it also keeps toys away from our lounge, which is a great thing!” ●

DETAILS

Bespoke kitchen design with units from the Sletten range, featuring drawers in birch and doors in spray-painted ash veneer, designed by Sofia Bune Strandh, Sola Kitchens **020 3004 0898** www.solakitchens.com

Westin Serna wall-mounted extractor **01484 421 585** www.westin.co.uk

Siemens iQ700 range oven, fridge, freezer, hob and microwave **0844 892 8999** www.siemens-home.co.uk

Quooker Design boiling water tap **020 7923 3355** www.quooker.com

Fired Earth Pale Classic Quartz floor tiles **0845 366 0400** www.firedearth.com

Kartell Charles Ghost clear bar stools **0870 0240 780** www.heals.co.uk

Arne Jacobsen 7 Series dining chairs **0844 800 8934** www.fritzhanzen.com

Pinehouse bespoke dining table **020 7731 4806**

Light Years Caravaggio Pendant lamps **020 7823 8874** www.skandium.com

Spekva solid oak worktops **07894 698 682** www.spekva.com

Wallpaper Murals Morning Sun mural **020 8123 6326** www.wallpapermurals.co.uk

50 Degrees North architecture **020 8744 2337** www.50degrees.co.uk

The bold and atmospheric photographic mural wallpaper on the wall of the dining area adds to the Scandinavian look of the scheme by recreating the visual beauty of a pine forest. The mural is one of a selection of different forest themed wallpapers which come in both stock and bespoke sizes for a perfect fit



ADVICE FROM THE DESIGNER

“When planning a kitchen that will be a social space, think about how to use the space. Will there be a dining or seating area? If so, make sure that there is enough space for tables and chairs so the kitchen doesn’t feel cramped, and try to hide dirty pots and pans from view as we did in this project with a 200mm upstand.”

Sofia Bune Strandh, MD, Sola Kitchens