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ENTERTAINING SPECIAL The A-Z of hosting

All you need for a season of family fun at home

Inside

- Kitchen-diner designs for the new flex
- Anti-bac your bathroom: the latest hygienic fittings
- Banquette seating from big to small
- + Easy guest bedroom updates



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Image: the state of the four luxuious designs - the Stateford. The Dowson. The Filtroy and The Montagu - is upholstered with a statement headboard and available in six colours from teal and lavender to characcal. with walnut feet. brookandwilde.com

ROCK SOLID

Packed with style, texture and colour, we've got our eyes on Smith & Goat's signature sink and basin collection. Hand-crafted in its London Studio from ultra-high-grade concrete and natural pigments, the collection comprises 11 different designs in 20 colours. Our favourites include a kitsch shell-shaped basin and a lovely fluted style. From £440, *smithandgoat.co.uk*



THE RIGHT ANGLES

Showcasing sharp contours over curves, Keuco's Edition 90 Square range makes a striking architectural addition to a bathroom. The sleek minimal concept doesn't stop at basin taps either – as well as three sizes of single-lever mixers, you'll find a wall-mounted design, bidet fitting, towel rails, and even tumbler holders to complete your look. From £467.52 for a single-lever mixer. keuco.com





QUICK UPDATE

Add extra style to your kitchen with Heritage Brass' Signac range of hardware. It includes elongated cabinet handles, circular cupboard knobs, as well as round rose handles for interior doors in seven finishes. From £11.44 for cabinet handles. **m-marcus.com/heritage-brass**

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This month, two designers create contrasting solutions for

a family-friendly open-plan kitchen with wow factor results Words: Rachel Ogden

THE CLIENT

Rachel Holding, 49, a buyer/supervisor at a farm, and her husband David, 54, a senior RFP analyst at an investment firm, live in Surrey with their daughters Poppy, 13, and Daisy, 11. While they bought their 1930s detached home before starting a family, the dated kitchen now feels cramped and unsuitable for their busy lifestyle. They'd like an open-plan space instead with enough room for everyday life as well as entertaining.

THE SPACE

The current kitchen is 4.3m at its longest and 3.4m at its widest, with two windows placed on adjacent walls (1). There is access to a sunroom at one end (2) and a hall at the opposite, plus it enjoys a generous ceiling height of 2.6m. The dining room next door (3) is sizeable, measuring 3.7 x 4.5m, but the ceiling height drops to 2.4m. Combined, the kitchen and dining room could create a space that's around 4.5 x 7.1m.

THE WISHLIST

The kitchen should have an island or peninsula with a breakfast bar. Rachel is drawn to rich dark brown or matt stone/grey units with copper trims and stone-coloured surfaces.

The couple are thinking about removing the wall between the rooms and adding bi-fold doors to the external wall of the dining room. A chimney may have to be retained.

Clava Dine lampshade

in brushed copper, £229,

Lighting Lover. lightinglover.com

Clutter should be kept to a minimum. so the design must include adequate storage, with no glassfronted cabinets or open shelving. David

would also like a desk

The couple would like to keep their American-style fridge and dual-fuel range cooker, but will need a new extractor. Rachel would like to keep their eight-seater dining table

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THE MOODBOARD

Charme light natural laminate from the Chateau collection, £33.99 per sg m Berry Alloc. berryalloc.com

> Syrus barstool in grey and copper, £139 for a pair, Made. made.com

Crackle Bone gloss tiles, £49.99 per sq m, 🛛 CTD Tiles. ctdtiles.co.uk

ose gold, from £11.80, -leritage Brass by -M.Marcus. m-marcus. com/heritage-brass

Arctic White solid surface,

staron.com

from £350 per sa m. Staron

Bar pull handle in satin

THE BUDGET

£65,000, including building work >