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BEAUTIFUL  
KITCHENS  
MAGAZINE

**BESPOKE CABINERY**  
The couple's existing **ivory hi-gloss lacquered units** by Pure Kitchens have been rearranged and supplemented by matching new cabinetry

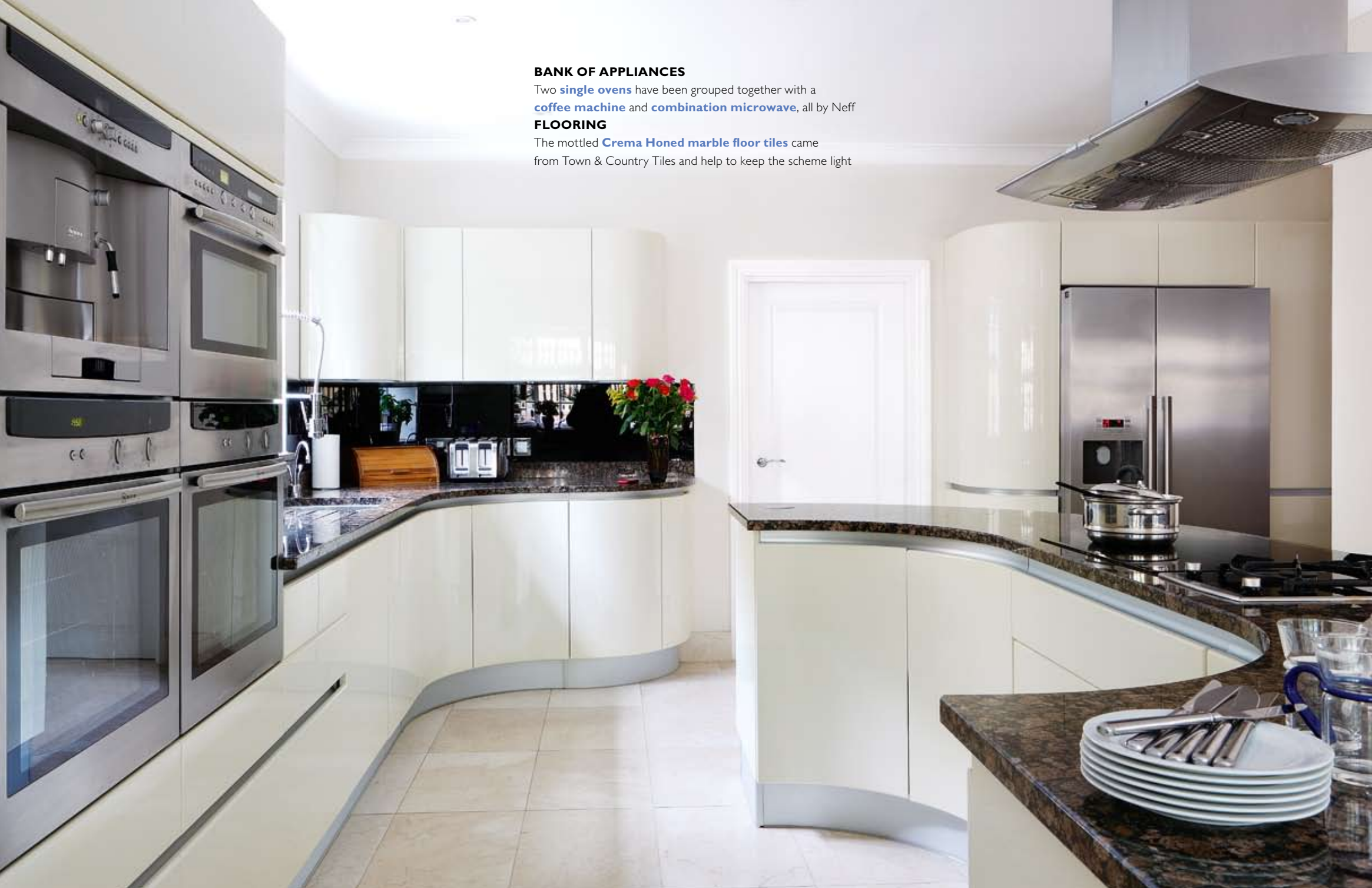
**WORKSURFACES**  
**Baltic Brown granite** tops the furniture and extends to create a handy **breakfast bar** on the island

**SPLASHBACKS**  
**Black glass splashbacks** and **wall panels** introduce a touch of glamour

# Crème DE LA crème

The Levins remodelled, redesigned and renewed their existing kitchen to create a bespoke ivory scheme

**BK says** Metal kickplates on the island break up the swathe of creamy cabinetry and feature LEDs, which cast a soft glow for mood lighting



**BANK OF APPLIANCES**

Two **single ovens** have been grouped together with a **coffee machine** and **combination microwave**, all by Neff

**FLOORING**

The mottled **Crema Honed marble floor tiles** came from Town & Country Tiles and help to keep the scheme light

‘THE ISLAND IS GREAT BECAUSE IT DIVIDES THE KITCHEN FROM THE REST OF THE ROOM, SO I CAN COOK AND ENTERTAIN AT THE SAME TIME’

**GREAT IDEA**

If existing units are in good condition, re-using them is one way of keeping costs down

**COOKING AREA**

A **gas hob** and an **induction hob** with an **island extractor** above face out onto the dining area, so Michelle can talk to guests as she cooks. For similar appliances, try Neff



**CLEVER CABINETS**

The **push-open doors** remove the need for handles and accentuate the curves and clean lines of the design. **Compartmentalised cutlery inserts** keep utensils organised



**WET AREA**

An **Ariane sink** has been paired with a **Swiss Pro tap** that has a pull-out spray for washing food. Both are by Franke



**MICHELLE AND ADAM LEVIN LIVE IN A NEW-BUILD HOUSE IN HERTS WITH THEIR CHILDREN, JOSHUA, 17, EMILY, 14, SABRINA, 11, AND ZACHARY, SEVEN**

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Finding the perfect home can take a while but for Michelle and her husband Adam, a lawyer, it took several years of hunting. ‘With four children we needed the space but there weren’t many six-bedroom properties on the market,’ explains Michelle. ‘When we saw this house, we jumped at it.’ A newly built detached property, it was exactly what they wanted, although Michelle admits that it was actually the sweeping kitchen that sold it to them.

Luxurious cream hi-gloss cabinetry with elegant curves and simple lines, it was a kitchen that Michelle

could use straight away. However, it still needed some changes and additions, not only to make it practical for the large family, but also to transform it into a kosher kitchen, where meat and dairy foods are stored and cooked separately.

The Levins’ new next-door neighbour had built the house, so was able to direct Michelle and Adam to the original kitchen designer, Steve Reding at Pure Kitchens. ‘We needed to change some of the kitchen that was already there and also increase it by about half again,’ recalls Michelle. ‘Fortunately, we were able to get exactly the same cabinetry.’

An island was already in place but a backdrop of cabinetry that originally accommodated a large fridge freezer needed to be redesigned. By removing the appliance and a curved unit, designer Steve was able to extend the run and include a fully integrated fridge freezer, shelves and cupboards before contin-

uing it around the corner, adding a second sink and a tall larder cabinet. The large fridge freezer has been moved to another, previously unused, part of the kitchen and surrounded with tall larder units. ‘It took a bit of playing around with the design so that we could fit in everything we wanted,’ explains Michelle. ‘Although we needed all this extra storage, I also wanted to keep the contemporary feel that I’d fallen in love with,’ she continues.

It’s a look Michelle has enhanced with her choice of a black glass splashback that is a dramatic contrast to the soft hue of the furniture. ‘I love the flowing lines and the curved design,’ she enthuses. ‘There’s so much space in the kitchen, even though we have virtually doubled up on the cabinetry. In fact, we have so much storage that even I’m still learning where everything goes. I’m managing to fill it all, though!’ she adds with a smile. **BK**



**PRICE GUIDE**  
Starting price  
**£25,000**  
for a  
Pure Kitchens  
design

# THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

## DESIGN & CABINETRY

- Steve Reding at **Pure Kitchens**, 62 Spencer Street, St Albans, Herts AL3 5EG (01727 855208) [www.purekitchens.org.uk](http://www.purekitchens.org.uk)
- Bespoke, lacquered ivory hi-gloss cabinetry

## WORKTOPS

- Baltic Brown granite. Price per sq m **£200**

## FLOORING

- Crema Honed marble tiles, Town & Country Tiles. Price per sq m **£57.50**

## SINKS & TAPS

- ARX160 Ariane undermounted one-and-a-half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Franke **£371**
- ARX110-17D Ariane undermounted half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Franke **£212**
- BlancoSupra 500-U undermounted single-bowl sink in stainless steel, Blanco **£121**
- 2 x Swiss Pro C-spout monobloc mixer taps in stainless steel with pull-out sprays, Franke, each **£454**
- Eiger C-spout monobloc mixer tap in chrome, Franke **£166**
- HCI100 hot and chilled filtered water tap in chrome, In-Sink-Erator **£372**
- Evolution 200 waste disposal unit, In-Sink-Erator **£283**
- ISE55 waste disposal unit, In-Sink-Erator **£124**

## APPLIANCES (shown)

- 2 x built-in single ovens, for similar try B15E42, Neff, each **£689**
- Built-in combination microwave, for similar try C57M70, Neff **£707**
- Four-zone induction hob, for similar try T44T43, Neff **£742**
- Two-burner gas hob, for similar try N24K30, Neff **£382**
- Island extractor hood in stainless steel, for similar try I91T58, Neff **£1,133**
- Built-in coffee machine, for similar try C77V60, Neff **£1,079**
- K3990 integrated American-style fridge freezer, Neff **£1,875**



## APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated fridge freezer, Siemens **£701**
- Fully integrated built-under fridge, Neff **£325**
- Fully integrated dishwasher, Neff **£572**

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PLAN SCALE 1cm:1m

**BK loves**  
...the unusual steel handles that sit flush to the units

**TALL STORAGE**  
A pull-out larder makes the best use of space but also ensures contents are easily accessible without having to rummage in cupboards

**FLAT HANDLES**  
Flush to the doors when not in use, these square handles open by a push at the top and a pull at the bottom. 'Everyone is initially perplexed as to how they work!' laughs Michelle

