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‘I love the mix of
colours in my kitchen’

Painted units combine with pink worktops and purple accents to add a touch of glamour to the Louises' kitchen

CABINERY

Freestanding pine furniture from the **Victorian Kitchen range** by Old Creamery has been hand-painted in **French Gray** by Farrow & Ball and Old Creamery's **Ivory** shade

WORKTOPS

Debbie chose **pink Resilica glass composite** to top the units

FLOORING

The couple decided to keep their existing **pine boards** and paint them in **Bone** by Farrow & Ball. For similar, try **unfinished pine planks** from Real Oak Floors



ISLAND
A roomy **Belfast ceramic sink** by Twyford is served by a **two-hole Ionian mixer tap in pewter** by Perrin & Rowe
MIRROR
Debbie's grand **silver-effect mirror** came from The French Furniture Company

‘WE SPENT AGES CHECKING THE POSITION OF THE ISLAND TO ENSURE THERE WAS ROOM FOR TWO PEOPLE TO BE AT THE SINK AND THE AGA TOGETHER’



COOKING AREA
A reconditioned gas-fired Aga from Moorland Cookers and a Regal Violet glass splashback by Brooklands Glass Centre continue the room's colour theme

DEBBIE AND SAT LOUIS LIVE IN A FIVE-BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE IN WEST SUSSEX WITH THEIR CHILDREN, SOPHIA, 11, AND JASMINE, EIGHT

Debbie Louis happily acknowledges her passion for glamour and was determined that her new kitchen would have a touch of sparkle. At the same time, she wanted a practical design that would sit comfortably in the family's Edwardian home. 'I love pattern and colour but I also wanted something that felt as if it had always been there,' explains housewife Debbie. 'I'd seen bespoke, painted kitchens with an antique effect I liked but they were all just too expensive.'

As part of a whole-house renovation project, Debbie and Sat, a dentist, planned to take out the existing, reclaimed pine kitchen and replace it with something that suited their bold taste and busy family life. 'The kitchen's layout and pine units didn't work for us,' recalls Debbie. 'There was no island, only wall units, and no access to the garden. The girls used to get a chair and climb out of the window to play outside!'

Debbie and Sat visited every high-street kitchen showroom they knew, hoping to find an affordable solution. Debbie also scoured magazines until she spotted an advert for Old Creamery's traditional, freestanding furniture. Inspired, the family embarked on a three-hour trip to the company's Yeovil showroom and as soon as Debbie saw its Victorian range, she knew the long journey had been worthwhile.

To open the kitchen out onto the garden, two windows were converted into French doors. The couple then started work on a layout that included dresser-style cabinets, a tall storage unit and a central island with a sink and dishwasher on one side ▶

RECYCLED SURFACE

Debbie's bespoke worktop is made from glass fragments and resin. She simply chose her base shade and the colour of the glass chips she wanted to create a unique surface

DRESSER

A freestanding unit from Old Creamery's Victorian Kitchen range is home to Debbie's retro-style canisters and Morphy Richards toaster. The glass-fronted doors break up the painted furniture, while tongue-and-groove panels add to its traditional charm





LIGHTING
This lilac glass chandelier inspired the room's colour scheme and was Debbie's best buy. For similar, try the Johnny Egg six-arm pendant from Heal's



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THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINETRY

- Debbie and Sat Louis with Dave White at **Old Creamery**, Watercombe Park, Lynx Trading Estate, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HL (01935 410500) www.oldcreameryfurniture.com
- Hand-painted solid pine cabinetry with glass doors from the Victorian Kitchen range

WORKTOPS

- S-0441 Resilica. Price per linear m **£430**

FLOORING

- Existing pine floorboards, for similar try unfinished pine boards, Real Oak Floors. Price per sq m, from **£24.99**
- Existing tiles, for similar try Cambridge in Dover White and Black, Original Style. Price per sq m **£66**

SINK & TAP

- FC1217 Belfast undermounted single-bowl ceramic sink, Twyford **£150**
- 4193PFWPC Ionian two-hole mixer tap in pewter with deck-mounted porcelain levers, Perrin & Rowe **£262**

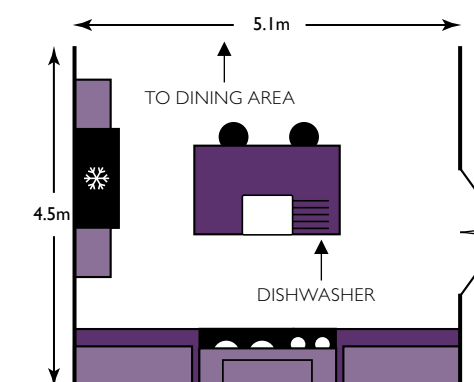
APPLIANCES (shown)

- Two-oven, gas-fired Aga with integrated gas module in Aubergine, reconditioned by Moorland Cookers **£6,300**
- SBS6114 fully integrated fridge freezer, Liebherr **£2,250**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Canopy extractor hood in silver grey metallic, Bosch **£90**
- Fully integrated dishwasher, Bosch **£469**

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PLAN SCALE 1cm:1m



INTEGRATED APPLIANCES

A side-by-side fridge freezer by Liebherr has been concealed behind cabinet doors for a streamlined look

SEATING

Adjustable stools have been painted in French Gray by Farrow & Ball to match the island. For similar, try Ikea's Dalfred design



GREAT IDEA

Update existing furniture by painting it to match the shade of your new cabinetry

and a breakfast bar area opposite. With the help of Old Creamery's designer Dave White, they built up their design from the available ready-made units. 'It was complicated trying to get everything to fit, so we really took our time,' says Debbie. 'We had to source housings for the dishwasher and fridge freezer separately in order to conceal the appliances behind cabinet doors, then match them with designs from Old Creamery's range. Also, our joiner had to make filler panels, so everything would fit together perfectly without gaps.'

The neutral cream and pale grey painted furniture makes a perfect backdrop for some striking decorative choices. Among the most eye-catching are the speckled pink Resilica worksurfaces – a tough, eco-friendly product, made from recycled glass and resin. 'My mum saw something about Resilica on TV and knew I was looking for a pink worktop,' smiles Debbie. 'We visited the factory, chose the background colour and picked the types of glass we wanted to include. I also added seashells and mirror chips, because I wanted an organic feel, almost like something you'd find in a cave.'

For extra shine, a striking violet chandelier is suspended over the island, which was the inspiration behind the bold colour scheme. A glass splashback and purple Aga followed, which has a handy gas module that is used in summer when the main range is switched off. 'I'm renowned for my flamboyant taste and my friends joke that I'm never under-dressed,' laughs Debbie. 'I spend a lot of time in the kitchen, so it had to be both practical and beautiful – and it is.'

DINING AREA

The family's existing Ikea dining table and chairs have been painted in Farrow & Ball's French Gray. For similar, try the Ekensberg table and Bertil chair.

The rustic-style bench seating completes the informal dining space. Jam for Tea stocks similar benches. Behind, striking Malabar wallpaper by Cole & Son has been used to create an eye-catching feature wall