

# STATEMENT DESIGN

The owners of this contemporary villa in Ballsbridge have created a modern masterpiece, with a pared back and pristine white interior designed around a bespoke statement kitchen

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## KITCHEN DETAILS

Contemporary handleless cabinetry in White with Graphite wall units and island – by Kerwood Design, Village Mill Enterprise Park, Rathnew, Co Wicklow, D404 69639, [kerwooddesign.ie](http://kerwooddesign.ie)





Completed in summer 2017, this house is one of two identical new builds, designed with light and airy open plan spaces, with the living quarters on the top floor to maximise light and the vaulted ceilings. With contemporary Portuguese limestone exterior cladding, the interior has been designed in white with light oak to enhance the light, spacious and pared back ambience.

When it came to commissioning a kitchen designer for the project, the owners took their lead from their architect, Helen Murray of O'Mahony Pike Architects. 'Our kitchen designer, Ben Kerrigan of Kerwood Design had previously worked with our architect and on meeting him it was clear that he had an excellent eye for detail and design flair. Helen and Ben worked closely together with us to create something truly unique with a big wow factor.'

While the couple had a great vision for the contemporary

style they wanted to achieve in the kitchen, and throughout the space, Ben brought lots of ideas to the table, in terms of finishes and design details. 'A significant amount of the design and specification came from Ben. He was extremely patient and collaborative during the design process.'

One of the owner's design specifications was the unique island, with its angular profile and substantial surface and waterfall edge standing as a remarkable presence within the room. The couple had a CGI image of the island, which they showed Ben, who was then able to translate the striking design into a functional working island with built-in hob and downdraft extraction, and storage concealed in both sides. 'A kitchen in a Miami penthouse was the inspiration for the design. While we had our own ideas, Ben made lots of suggestions to enhance the design. In particular, the black recessed part of the kitchen is credit to Ben, which contrasts

## DESIGN FOCUS

The owners had a clear vision for the style of the kitchen and interior throughout. There was a large emphasis on architectural design and contemporary interiors throughout, with a strong focus also placed on the importance of lighting and carefully curated art, with the living spaces on the first floor and bedrooms on the ground floor.

### KEY DESIGN DETAILS

The back wall with recessed white cabinetry is designed to blend seamlessly into the wall with a central slot feature, which houses the sink and prep area clad in Dekton Sirius to blend with the LED illuminated Graphite wall units. All cabinetry is push-open with motorised mechanisms fitted to operate the integrated fridge and freezer doors. The island is a standout feature and striking focal point with its angular profile and waterfall edge.

### STORAGE SOLUTIONS

As well as designing and supplying the bespoke kitchen, Kerwood Design was also commissioned to do the bedrooms, utility and TV cabinetry.





**CABINERY**  
Contemporary handleless cabinetry in White with Graphite wall units and island by Kerwood Design.

**APPLIANCES**  
Miele appliances – steam oven, microwave, double ovens and induction hob with downdraft extraction.

**FINISHES**  
Silestone Calacatta Gold island surface. 12mm Dekton Sirius cladding around sink. Quooker boiling water tap and matching regular tap. Franke sinks. Dining table and chairs, Skorpio Keramik by Cattelan Italia. Oak flooring, floordesign.ie. Lighting inspired by wink.ie

well against the white units.' With wall cladding in slim 12mm Dekton and Graphite wall cabinets to match the island cabinetry, this recessed sink area has been illuminated with LEDs to really enhance the ambience and bring a dramatic contrast to the crisp white wall of flush-fitted handle-free cabinetry.

While maintaining a linear and contemporary façade, the design combines form with function to ensure the scheme works extremely efficiently for a busy family. All storage is completely concealed leaving no option for clutter. The extractor lowers discreetly into the island surface when not in use and motorised cabinet doors have been fitted to facilitate the desired push open system for a completely handleless finish. A superb amount of storage is concealed behind the sleek façade, with double larder and breakfast station keeping all everyday essentials easily accessible yet hidden out of sight when not in use, giving the option of essentially switching off the kitchen and allowing it to blend perfectly into its environment. 'We had an excellent experience with Kerwood Design. Ben also supplied all the joinery in both houses and we're excited to get into another project with him.



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