





The Sharmans' holiday home in Norfolk

KITCHEN FILE

 Charles Sharman at Cantilla of Landon, Unit 22, Garrick Industrial Centre, Irving Way, London NW9 6AQ (020 8203 6203) www.centfix.co.uk

- . Glass, from E40 per sq m, Cardifix
- Thura, from approx £390 per linear m, Eight Inch

Mock sandstone ceramic tiles. £22 per sq m, Eite Tiles

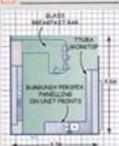
- PHG1020GB white plans
- gas hob. £229 SNV43 fully integrated dishwasher, £539 Both Bosch
- #891556GB stainless-steel double electric overs, £929.
- APM6002 fully integrated fridge treazer, E489
 APM6321 fully integrated lander
- fridge, 6279 APP2210 integrated extractor All MFI
- Existing microwave, for similar try NNEZ73S, £100, Panasonic

- Fragrantie Mythos sink in graphite, £529, Franke Deck sink mixer, for similar by the Torre tap, approx £85, Bristan

PRICE GUIDE

£18,000 Total cost

KITCHEN LAYOUT



Sarah Sharman is one of almost thirty close relatives to be delighted with the new kitchen in their shared holiday home





A Ttura composite resin
and recycled glass worktop
sits on top of cabinets made
with MFI Alaska carcasses
smartened up with burgundy
Perspex from Amari Plastics.

2 The Franke Mythos sink has been accessorised with a chopping board and integrated strainer

3 The breakfast bar is made from toughered glass, which has been painted on the back to make it appear apague

or Sarah Sharman, a semi-professional chef and caterer, spending time at the family holiday home has been a sheer delight since her brother-in-law Charles gave the property a new kitchen. When the whole family descends en masse during the summer holidays, I become queen of that space, she smiles.

However, when Charles Sharman was elected by the family to design the new kitchen, Sarah was only one of the people he had to please. The property is owned by my parenta, but it's used by me, my four brothers, our respective partners and our brood of children...

16 at the last count," he explains.

The Sharmans' holiday home is an old farmhouse with a dairy alongoide. 'When my purents bought it two years ago, the dairy still had cow stalls, water troughs and hay racks. Since then, we've converted it into a kitchen, dining room and sitting area, and extended it with a glass pod,' recalls Charles, who, together with his parents and his brother William, Sarah's husband, owns and runs Cantifix of London, a company specialising in bespoke glass structures.

After some family discussion, it was decided that the kitchen should look "interesting and fun' and Charles was asked to keep costs down as much as possible. Beyond that, he was effectively given free rein.' Almost

all the design choices were mine," says Charles, 'and since the room's completion, no one has complained.'

Charles made sensible economies where he could. I just chose a basic MFI range of cabinets called Alaska, and then made them look unique by panelling the fronts with burgundy-coloured Perspex. It makes them look more expensive than they really were, he admits.

Having his youngest sen, 18-year-old Harry, install the units was another way Charles managed to keep the costs as low as possible. It talked him through tricky bits over the telephone, laughs Charles. It was something of a coming of age for him and I'm really proud of what he has achieved.

Valuable input also came from Sarah, who, with her knowledge of how a kitchen should work, was able to advise Charles on the functionality of his design. For me it's wonderful,' she says. 'It's slightly tucked away so I can concentrate, but it's also open to the family space so I don't feel isolated. As soon as I set foot in it, I feel like I can cock for 20 people.'

WHERE TO BUY Amari Plastics www.amariplastics.com Booch 01233 211500 Bristan 0870 754 5555 Eight Inch 020 7503 3400 Elite Tiles 020 8292 1806 Prants 0181 436 6280 MPI 0870 607 5093 Siemens 0870 840 3300



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WORKTOP MATERIALS

When choosing a worksurface for your kitchen, it is important to pick one that is hardwearing, easy to maintain and aesthetically pleasing

Pyrolave glazed lovastone is tough, nest-resistant and comes in many brilliant colours. Priced at around EB50 per sq. m. it is available through Taurostone (0800 169 2374)





Use plain liaminate to create a real impact at a reasonable cest. Decorama surfaces by Orama (01773 520560) come in 34 colours, including China Biue Ishweris. 420 per linear m



Made from 85 per cent necycled glass, Thura is a new hardwraning, stain-resistant composite that can be coved into almost any shape. Priced at \$400 per linear in from Eight Initi (220 7503 3400)



Blood is ideal for curved worktops. Cherry Royal is one of 22 different woods from Dantops (01702 466241). ES33 per linear m



Taurisatione (0800 tips 2374) is an engineered stone product comprising 94 per cent silica and quarti, making it resily storing and duratile. It's non-absorbent, stein- and scratch-resistant, and comes in 20 colours. Prices start from around 5350 per sq m

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Scapetone III. a sedimentary rock with a scapy feel. Impervious to acids, heat and alkalis, it is used for lab surfaces and is available from Rosai Stoneworks (020 7609 7212). From £350 per linear m



Breccia Porcai marble by Mark Wilkinson (01380 850004) is one of many stone surfaces from flafs Price on application



Cartan is a composite material that can be sculpted, curved, routed and intend, this tough, heat- and stain-resistant, and costs around C305 per anser in. Call 0800 962116

Worksarface Choice

Stone Grante is very hardwearing and heat-resistant. Limestone, slate and soagstone can also be used but must be carefully seeled to avoid staining. Wood Wood looks warm and, as long as it's regularly slied, is easy to maintain, iterdeposts like beech, maple or inoko are very tough and long lasting.

Laminate These come in lots of realistic wood and stone finishes, as well as plain colours. They are easy to clean, although take care not to place hot gens on them.

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glaces. So if you want your worksurface to have a "wow" factor, it's an ideal choice, Composite materials Made from a mix of natural and manmade materials, these surfaces have the advantage that they can be sculpted, instal and joined to sinks of the same material for a seamless finish. Stabiless sited Still de rigeur for the professional-style kitchen, it's hygienic and easy to clean, and complements other metal appliances and kitchen fitting. Glass Glass worktops are scratch-resistant and tough, with an architectural appeal. You can illuminate them for dramatic effect.

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