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**KITCHEN
SINKS**

INSPIRING HOMES

- Contemporary new-build
- Sleek eco barn conversion
- Traditional Georgian home

IDEAS FOR
CHILDREN'S
BEDROOMS

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POOLSIDE
LIVING

Enhanced by the hilltop location and the sense of sitting amongst the surrounding tree tops, walking out on the deck feels like being in the Los Angeles hills rather than North London, adding a real sense of escape from city life. The 14 metre-long lap pool is a blissful feature for a London home in the summer. A cascade of water pours from the wall, tiled in textured slate-look bricks, which add a natural and rustic effect to the outdoor area

INTO THE
deep

Despite it being the first new build for Gail Goss and Luke Warren, it surely won't be their last. From the streamlined space of the kitchen to the sparkling cool of the pool, it's a show-stopping success

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Despite having never done anything like it before, Estate Agent Gail Goss and Property Developer husband Luke Warren resolved to build their own dream family home in North London. Not only did they choose a cutting edge architectural style and to start entirely from scratch, their location on a steep hillside added to the challenge. 'We could have built something small with a standard pitch roof, but we had just refurbished a big house nearby and we were on a roll, so we decided to do something completely different,' smiles Gail. Having grown up in Zimbabwe and South Africa, Luke longed to introduce more natural light and a sense of open

space into their home, in a radical departure from their previous traditional house. With children, Leeam, 17, Beth, 10, and Isabelle, nine, in mind (plus the family menagerie of dogs, Bart and Louis, guinea pigs and Chinese hamsters), the goal was to create a spacious design with the living area built at the top of the property and the five bedrooms to be on the lower floors. 'We went from one extreme to the other,' says Gail of the move from Victorian to contemporary, pavilion-style architecture. It was Luke, who used to run restaurants when he lived in South Africa and still passionately enjoys cooking, who settled on the area for the cooking zone. 'He pictured himself standing at the hob, looking out at everything around him,' recalls Gail. With their sketches in hand, they headed to Funktional Kitchens, having used the company before. 'We knew we

wanted a streamlined look to suit the space, with lots of storage – with three children, we can't always legislate for the state of their bedrooms, but we can make order in the living space,' she says of the 14 metre-long sweep of tall cupboards that run the entire length of one wall and hides away everything from food to books. While the large island creates a central and very sociable hub of the room, the light fixture above catches the eye, especially during the evening when the colours can be programmed to change on a pre-set system. A palette of soft and natural greys creates a tranquil scheme that merges with the outdoor extension to the living space, and sits comfortably with the reflections from the azure blue pool. 'It has been a huge challenge,' admits Gail. 'But so worth it – now we have lots of space for everyone to get together and relax.' **CKBB**

FIT FOR A FAMILY
The sophisticated design is also family-friendly. The extra thick, top quality tall cupboard doors from Doca, the poured concrete floor and seamless Corian worktop are very hard-wearing

LIT FROM ABOVE

The couple knew they wanted to incorporate roof lights and ended up with a 'corridor' of light running almost the length of the room. Sunshine flooding in from the glass roof panels balances the side light coming in from the floor to ceiling windows on the other side of the room

OPENING OUT

One of the special features of the property is that three sides open out onto outdoor space, the dining area onto a long balcony running the length of the building and overlooking the three storey drop. The kitchen onto the deck with the pool and the snug end out onto a lawned garden

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Kitchen profile

A sweep of Doca Serie 3000 Tela Sunned MFC furniture runs along one wall. Lined in pale grey, the tall cupboards provide storage for food, crockery and glassware, as well as toys, books, mini-office equipment and media docking stations, as they move towards the living area. In contrast, a three metre-long island, topped in Corian Dove and wrapped in Light Grey laminate from Funktional Kitchens' German furniture collection forms the focus of the room, accentuated by the custom-made light and feature extractor hanging above.

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Kitchen prices from £10,000.

UNIQUE DESIGN
Made of opal Perspex with a mirrored base, the custom-made ceiling fixture was designed by Gail and Luke themselves and then made by local specialists to house a colour-changing LED lighting system along with the extractor hood



VICKY SHUDELL
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Tell us about the cabinetry
We used a combination of German and Spanish furniture to create the sleek and clean-lined design that Gail and Luke wanted. The tall cabinets, from contemporary Spanish brand Doca, are impressive because they run from one end of the room to the other. Also, because they are finished in a beautiful, softly textured fabric-like veneer, they sit comfortably in both the kitchen and living areas of the room, without looking conspicuously 'kitcheny'. The simple channel handles are finished in brushed chrome, which accentuates the very linear design.

the tall cupboards, we used a pale grey in a matt finish for the doors, and they are also handleless in-keeping with the streamlined design of the room. The Corian Dove worktop is very smooth and silky, and the combination of all the greys - including the buffed concrete floor - is modern and sophisticated.

And the ceiling hood?
More and more clients are requesting ceiling mounted extraction systems, rather than a hanging hood that can look heavy and something you can hit your head on. Gail and Luke designed this stunning lighting fixture, incorporating the extractor. Its mirrored base bounces light around the room.



And the island? To contrast with the dark grey texture of



MUSIC MAKERS
Beth and Isabelle are the musicians of the family. The 1930s baby grand is their domain



WASH TIME

Lights from the dishwasher reflect on to the floor, revealing the time left on the programme details



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APPLIANCES

Both Gail and Luke like to cook, and Luke especially so. They chose a bank of Siemens integrated ovens, warming drawers and coffee machine, with ceiling mounted extractor above, plus a five ring gas hob including a powerful wok burner





**COLOUR
AND TONE**

Gail and Luke chose a very tonal colour scheme as a backdrop for the main living area, but have used flowers and accessories like the picture of Hong Kong Harbour, to inject pops of colour

SPACE LINK

The living zone's roomy sofa in grey is lifted by colourful cushions and a warm oak coffee table. The black structural columns mirror the linear windows and add an interesting architectural feature. The half wall at the far end of the room hides the staircase that descends down three floors to the bedrooms below



Stockists

APPLIANCES

HB75GB550B oven, from £799; HB84E562B combination microwave, £745; HW1405A2 warming drawers, £235 each; TK76K573GB coffee machine, £1,218; K142FP60 integrated fridge, £1,876; G138NP60 integrated freezer, £1,257; LF959RB50B ceiling mounted extractor hood, £1,168; ER926SB70E gas hob, £807.84; SN66M031GB integrated dishwasher, £779, all Siemens. KWT 4154 UG-1 wine cooler, from £1,329, Miele.

FIXTURES AND FURNISHINGS

Essence sink mixer with pull-out spout, £394, Grohe. Corian Dove worktop with Corian Glacier White integrated sink, priced to order, Funktional Kitchens. LED lights, priced to order, Ecoled. Matilda bar stools, £149 each; London Places placemats, £16 set of four; cushions, from a selection; all John Lewis. Similar Buffed concrete floor, priced to order, Puur Floors. Similar extending dining table, from a selection; Dyrning hammock, £25, and Garo hammock stand, £60; PS 2012 easy chairs, £125 each, all Ikea. Similar bulldog wall decal, from a selection, Bouf. Clock, price on request, OF Special Interest. Similar sofa, from a selection; Kitsch dining chairs in Willow Grey, £49 pair; Branagh large ottoman, £299; similar cowhide rug, Chaplin, £189; all Made.com. Max oak coffee table, £300; Max oak three-door sideboard, £500, both Habitat. Kinsman Deluxe Folding music stand in pink, £16.99, Music47.co.uk. Stockholm Svart Spaccatella porcelain tiles, 10.5x45cm, £153m², Checkalaw.

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TREE TOP SCENE

Sitting on the side of a steep hill in North London, the three storey property gives the feeling of being a hidden tree house, surrounded by the very tops of tall established trees

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Bright accessories add an exotic touch of colour to the natural tones of the decked area, complete with pool and hot tub