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“I feel as if I’m relaxing in my living room all the time, even



Cabinetry painted in Green Stone by Farrow & Ball is combined with a stunning bookmatched walnut veneered island that has been placed on a pedestal base to make the floor area appear larger. Neutral walls in Pointing, also by Farrow & Ball, and synthetic rubber flooring by Jaymart complement the scheme

when I'm cooking – I think of this space as my haven



INNOVATIVE

# Mirror image

An eclectic mix of American Black walnut and shiny tiles in her new kitchen reflects the personality of Georgia Diebel

Georgia chose her two-bowl sink for practicality, but selected a small version to avoid detracting from the worktop. She also decided against a draining area to save space. The mirrored mosaic tiles from DW&G Heath reflect light back onto the granite to give an illusion of depth

‘I wish I’d known that the recycling regulations were going to change for my area. Now I need two or three bins in my kitchen instead of one and I could have made allowances for this in my design’

GEORGIA DIEBEL



Stainless-steel dividers keep Georgia's cutlery organised and ensure that everything is on show and easy to find



Georgia Diebel's second-floor flat in a Victorian house in Bristol had only one drawback when she moved in – a tiny galley kitchen. 'To get more space, I decided to knock through the living room into the adjoining master bedroom, to create a combined lounge and cooking area,' explains Georgia, a health services liaison manager for a charity.

Inspiration for the layout came from designer Dominic Ash, who had supplied the bedroom cabinets in Georgia's previous home. As there were occupants in the flats above and below, the first requirement was an extractor to remove cooking smells, although this meant installing a false ceiling to conceal the ducting. This, however, made it easy to fit spotlights and full-height cupboards, something Georgia was insistent upon to maximise the space.

Likewise, a synthetic rubber floor was installed to combat excess noise. However, on finding it only came in

a limited range of colours, she asked Dominic to match her cabinetry doors to her floor shade as closely as possible.

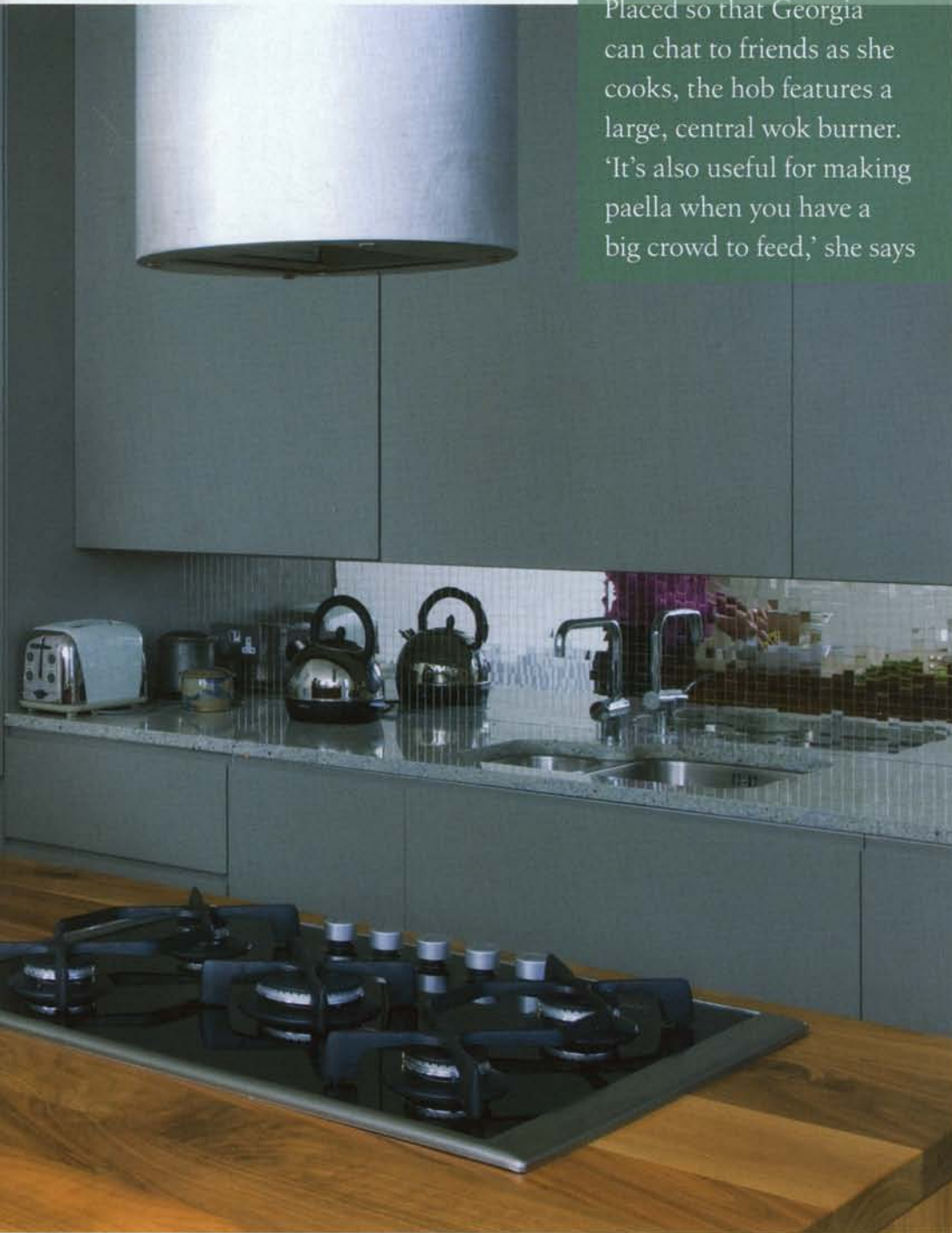
The priority for the design of Georgia's kitchen was a place where she could entertain and be able to cook and talk to her guests at the same time. Dominic's solution was to build an island using walnut veneer with a hob that faces out onto the room. 'A much bigger challenge I faced was how the granite for the worktops would be delivered,' recalls Georgia. 'In the end, it had to come in through a window and I was terrified that it would crack.'

A splashback of mirrored tiles is the finishing touch in the kitchen. They not only reflect light onto the worksurface, but at night they sparkle as they catch the beams from the under-cabinet lighting. 'In my previous home, everyone tended to congregate in the kitchen. Now I feel as if I'm in the living room all the time, even when I'm cooking,' says Georgia. 'I think of this space as my haven.'



An AEG-Electrolux double electric oven gives Georgia fantastic cooking flexibility. It comprises a smaller oven on top, which can be used for warming-up food or for quick meals, and a full-sized version below that's great for when she's entertaining. The stacking tins are from Heal's while the adjacent cut-glass sugar bowl is a family heirloom

Placed so that Georgia can chat to friends as she cooks, the hob features a large, central wok burner. 'It's also useful for making paella when you have a big crowd to feed,' she says



## THE KITCHEN FILE

### DESIGN & CABINETRY

- Dominic Ash at **Dominic Ash**, Manor Farm Outbuildings, Manor Farm, Compton Abdale, Gloucestershire GL54 4DP (01242 890184) [www.dominicash.co.uk](http://www.dominicash.co.uk)
- Spray-painted MDF cabinetry with American Black bookmatched walnut veneer furniture

### WORKTOPS

- Kashmir White granite, Gormley Masonry Services. Price per sq m **£470**

### SINK & TAP

- ARX160D Ariane undermounted one-and-a-half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Franke **£200**
- KV1 single-lever, monobloc mixer tap with U-spout in chrome, Vola **£330**

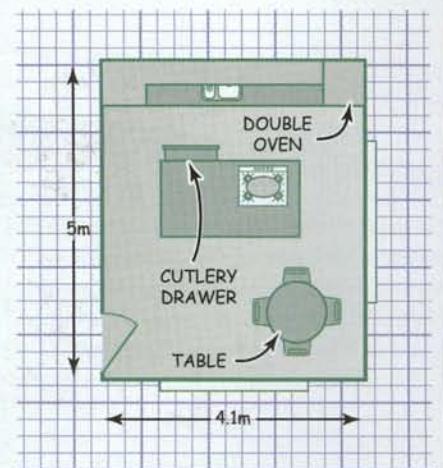
### APPLIANCES (shown)

- D88004M built-in electric multifunction double oven, AEG-Electrolux **£650**
- Five-burner, gas-on-glass hob, for similar try 79852GM, AEG-Electrolux **£225**
- M0404 island extractor, WS Westin **£795**

### APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated fridge freezer, Liebherr **£930**
- Fully integrated dishwasher, Neff **£470**

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