



THE PURSUIT OF PERFECTION

At St Giles Furniture we have recently completed a kitchen project which we are extremely proud of since it initially evolved from a discussion which was nothing to do with kitchens!! We were also able to achieve design, manufacture and installation of this kitchen in an unbelievable time frame of just four weeks!! We would like to point out that this is not the norm as far as kitchens go but for this regular customer we accepted the challenge!!!

In October 2007 we were asked to visit one of our customers and investigate how we could convert furniture which we had made for the previous house to fit into the new home – a beautiful thatched property in a prestigious location in the Chalfonts. During this visit we were asked if it would also be possible to paint the existing dark oak kitchen to brighten it up and create a fresh look. The kitchen was of a good quality, however, the dark oak units were positioned alongside very dark oak beams with a dark floor and the overall effect was to make the area feel extremely closed in and not at all “user friendly”.

Our initial recommendation was to take up the deep red carpet in the hall area and replace it with a 600 ml sq large Travestine Natural Stone floor, running it through into the kitchen to create a “lighter” look and feel there. Our customer wanted to knock down an existing wall between the kitchen area and family room behind and we agreed that this enlarged space would create a totally different environment and contribute to the “lighter” overall look that they were trying to achieve. At this point the customer reminded us she had already thought of putting an Aga into the kitchen, so we decided to sit down and work out the most ideal design for the area which would give a working family space, whilst housing all appliances and with storage to suit the family’s needs! In short – a new kitchen!



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As part of the new kitchen design, we boldly suggested that the old oak beams should be painted in Farrow and Ball “Clunch” and the ceiling in Farrow and Ball “Pointing” and this proved to be highly effective. We then combined natural European Oak with Painted Units (Farrow and Ball “New White”) for most of the cabinetry and added granite worktops in “Angola” (dark with a slight speck) to the oak and painted combination. This would give an impressive look which is great to live with and easy to keep clean.

The family wanted to be able to sit around an Island unit for breakfast so we created a large “L” shaped island which also houses a Butler sink, and a double

pull out bin specifically designed to deal with the increasing demands for re-cycling.

Finally, top of the range appliances from Miele (Dishwasher, wine fridge and coffee machine) completed the spec for this superb kitchen which is now not only an ideal area for entertaining but is also the “hub” of the family home and was borne out of a discussion to re-paint a few units and to adapt existing pieces of furniture for other areas of the home!

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