

# ROOM WITH A VIEW

Mr & Mrs Thomas wanted the kitchen in their Aberdeenshire new-build to be the biggest room in their house making the most of its double height ceilings, vast amounts of natural light and wonderful views to create the ideal cooking, entertaining and relaxing space

When the Thomas' planned their new-build, they wanted lots of space for their family and friends who come to stay; often for days at a time since they are located all over the country. It's for this reason they created a spacious, two-story, five-bedroom home out of two timber frame kits.

When designing the kitchen, they enlisted the expertise of Beverley Smith at Denmore Kitchen & Bathroom Studio, Aberdeen. Beverley explains, "They had a very specific brief – they wanted a large kitchen in which to entertain and relax as well as providing enough space for both of them to cook at the same time." This is because they both enjoy ●●●

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cooking together but have very different cooking styles and tastes with Mrs Thomas being a vegetarian.

Mr Thomas explains, “We wanted a blend of traditional and contemporary style and for a large island to be the central core of the design.” However, they didn’t want to simply fill what is essentially a large space with furniture. Beverley continues, “Every item of furniture had to have a purpose while exploiting the vast amounts of natural light that the new building’s heavily glazed architectural design provided.”

The design uses Callerton Deco furniture which with its mix of natural oak and

painted finishes, complements the spectacular views of the surrounding Scottish countryside. The end result has provided an environment with various zones that work incredibly well together answering all of the Thomas’ cooking, socialising and relaxation requirements.

The large kitchen area, with its light stone floor reflects the natural light which floods in to the property to provide a welcoming, light space all year round. For the evenings and for those dark winter mornings, there is a programmable lighting scheme combining adjustable, rail-mounted spotlights and downlighters. ●●●

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Casual day-to-day eating is catered for by the breakfast bar area located at the end of the island unit, while there is a more specific, formal dining zone, located just off the kitchen area which can cater for up to 12 people – more than enough space for family and friends!

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of The Design House of Aberdeen, who specified the dining chair fabrics, sofas, rug and a footstool.

As keen cooks, a wide selection of Neff appliances has been used to answer all their combined cooking requirements. A large freestanding fridge freezer, with tall storage cabinets, either side, ensures that there are enough supplies to hand for whoever decides to cook. Beverley says, "Cooking appliances include an integrated, eye-level combination oven, steam oven, induction hob, an induction wok and warming drawers to provide enough cooking capacity and flexibility for the most demanding of chefs. The extreme height of the wonderful vaulted ceiling meant that any kind of conventional extractor was out of the question. Instead I specified a Gutman pop-up downdraft extractor."

A wine cooler plus an integrated coffee machine and music system also provide ambience, whether watching TV or keeping guests happy while food is prepared.

The finished kitchen is both the hub of the Thomas' home and the focal point of the ground floor. Having been designed from scratch, as part of their new-build, there have been none of the compromises that are so often associated with kitchen re-modelling exercises. As a result, the Thomas' have a kitchen that answers their every need with nothing, in retrospect, that they would wish to change. ●



## ADVICE FROM THE DESIGNER

"Since more cabinetry generally means more money, it's tempting for many designers to simply fill a large space with furniture. While providing enough cupboard storage and worktop space is important, it's equally important to appreciate the architectural attributes of the building with which you are dealing. Sometimes less is more." Beverly Smith, designer Denmore Kitchen & Bathroom Studio

### Details

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01224 826 776 [www.denmorekitchens.co.uk](http://www.denmorekitchens.co.uk)

Oak & painted Deco Wallington kitchen by Callerton Kitchens 0191 514 0003 [www.callerton.co.uk](http://www.callerton.co.uk)

Gutman Futura Downdraught Extractor  
0844 912 0100 [www.blanco.co.uk](http://www.blanco.co.uk)

Neff B16P42 Cooker, K3990 integrated single oven, K3990 American fridge, C47C42 circosteam combi oven, T45D40 induction hob, 67P70 combi microwave, C77V60 coffee machine, N21H45 and N22H40 warming drawers  
0844 892 8926 [www.neff.co.uk](http://www.neff.co.uk)

Smeg D1912 Integrated dishwasher, wine cellar  
0844 557 9907 [www.smeguk.com](http://www.smeguk.com)

Kuppersbusch EW 1457.0M induction wok  
01235 861 916 [www.kuppersbuschuk.co.uk](http://www.kuppersbuschuk.co.uk)

Corian work surface in Seashell, M410, bespoke Mixa sink 0800 962 116 [www.corian.co.uk](http://www.corian.co.uk)

Carron Phoenix 105 undermounted sink  
01324 638 321 [www.carron.com](http://www.carron.com)

Perrin & Rowe Titan C Spout tap, Oberon C Spout tap  
01708 526 361 [www.triflowconcepts.com](http://www.triflowconcepts.com)

Quooker hot water tap  
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