

PERFECTLY FORMED



Carpenter Andy Pieri and his wife Suzanne Wardley bought two adjoined flats in Enfield 12 years ago with the intention of knocking them into one home. However, after taking down nearly all the internal walls in one of the flats, the couple decided the space was ample and abandoned the conversion.

Although the kitchen is compact, it is surprisingly well equipped, boasting a range

cooker and plenty of storage. "We were torn between an ultra-modern design in stainless steel or something more classic," says Andy. "Taking the latter option paid off – it still looks current a decade after I made it."

At the centre of the scheme is a circular island unit that Andy created by joining various salvaged bed legs. "They are Japanese oak, so are very solid," says Andy. "I added an end-grain chopping board effect using yacht

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rigging round the perimeter, which helps hold everything in place."

The collection of stools has similarly unexpected origins. An old surgeon's stool was bought at a car boot sale for just £3, a friend donated another and two are from Ikea. "They are all comfortable and Suzanne and I spend a lot of time here doing paperwork, reading the papers and eating our meals. It is small but very practical," says Andy.



FACT FILE

DESIGNER Andy Pieri, Classic Carpentry, 020 8360 9862

THE BRIEF To create a comfortable seating area in a small space.

BUDGET £10,000

SOURCES Furniture Classic Carpentry, as before. **Cooker** Delonghi, 0845 600 6845, delonghi.co.uk. **Stools** (backless), Ikea, 0845 358 3364, ikea.com/gb. **Worktops** Roma Marble, 020 8361 7544, romamarble.co.uk.



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TUCKED AWAY

A cantilevered glass bar provides the perfect spot for guests to chat while you prepare meals. Bespoke kitchens from £30,000. **Chiselwood**, 01522 704446, chiselwood.co.uk.



SITTING COMFORTABLY

These upholstered bar stools are padded for extra comfort. Liszt bar stools, £1,426 each excluding fabric. **Nina Campbell**, 020 7225 1011, nincampbell.com.



CAFE CHIC

A raised-height seating area is essential for an authentic coffee bar feel. Bespoke kitchens start at £25,000. **Simon Taylor Furniture**, 01296 488207, simon-taylor.co.uk.



STORAGE SOLUTION

A long bench offers plenty of handy storage below. This Pale Grey Parascan kitchen starts at £15,000. **Bath Kitchen Company**, 01225 312 003, bathkitchencompany.co.uk ■



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