



Doing the funky kitchen

By Victoria Huttler

This kitchen, by young multi-disciplinary MG Marga Design, has the hallmarks of an extravagant budget yet cost about the same as a standard top-end fitted kitchen. 'Many hours of our own time was spent on the project, researching and sourcing manufacturers and materials until we found the very best deals we possibly could,' explains the practice's Matteo Margaroli. 'The budget simply wasn't there, so we ended up putting the hours in rather than compromise our ideas.'

The practice was commissioned to renovate the private client's entire two-storey flat, in west London, with the kitchen being the

showpiece. Open plan to the living area, the scheme combines stainless steel with walnut, grey slate and a luminous orange lacquer to give a funky, bright, futuristic look.

Opaque glass cupboard doors allow the contents to be identified while giving a more uniform look to the space. The sliding doors are suspended from a mechanism hidden within the thickness of the stainless steel. This ensures smooth running and eliminates the need for any track at the bottom, keeping the look simple and easy to clean. The worktops are made from a single sheet of 1.5mm thick stainless steel, joined flush to

the walnut around the hob and sink areas, all built over a timber frame.

Above the sink, a cupboard hides an integrated drainer, so crockery can be washed and put away wet – great if you can't wait for it to dry. The bright orange splashback is MDF painted with car enamel, giving it a polished, practical finish. 'It brings out the warmth of the wood and the reflections add some movement to the space,' explains Margaroli.

More storage space and other appliances are hidden in the rear 'service wall', and the washing machine and tumble dryer are out of sight in a small utility room.

Tangerine dream: opaque glass cupboard doors are combined with stainless steel, walnut, grey slate and a luminous orange lacquer for a bright, futuristic look

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