



CENTRAL HUB
A dishwasher and Quooker hot water tap are housed in the central island, which is finished with a slab of composite worktop

The Macnab family had lived in their Georgian apartment in New Town, Edinburgh, for 21 years before they embarked on any major renovation work. 'When we first purchased the house it only included the ground floor, basement and sub-basement,' explains Janie. 'We were able to buy the other floors many years later, but it wasn't until the whole property belonged to us that we really felt we could start knocking down walls.'

Due to the house's listed status and building regulations, the couple employed Edinburgh architect Lorn Macneal, a good friend of Janie's, to oversee the complicated works. Their plan was to knock the smaller, ground-floor rooms into one large kitchen-diner that the whole family could enjoy together, which required installing an enormous steel beam. 'The dynamic between us all is brilliant now, as we do so much together in this room,' says Janie. 'The building actually feels stronger with the insertion of all that steel, too.'

The project was managed extremely well by Lorn and the team, which left Janie free to research the finer details and source the cabinets. She came across the Kitchens International showroom in Edinburgh and was really impressed with its variety of products and service. 'At first glance, I felt its designs were a bit too modern, but actually, there was so much ▶

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