

resistant to heat and staining. 'They look as if they're almost floating,' says Dick.

The walls are covered in Italian Grigio Bianco grey sandstone tiles, which cover the space where there are no units. A tall bank of cabinetry houses two Miele ovens and a warming drawer beneath, while the undermounted sink overlooks the large courtyard garden, providing a lovely view when preparing food.

Dick and Ted decided to start afresh with the appliances. Along with the ovens, they chose a Siemens fridge and a fully integrated dishwasher by Miele.

Among the unusual features is a wide, three-burner gas hob that makes it easier to cook several things at once without leaning over a flame. There is also a set of

hidden recycling bins that slide out from behind a pull-out door. The only thing the couple kept from the old kitchen was the waste disposal unit in the sink.

Ted, who does most of the cooking, says the Quooker boiling water tap is his favourite feature, so having boiling hot water in an instant has far more uses than he ever dreamed it would. 'Not only can you have an instant cup of tea or coffee, but you also have instant boiling water for steaming vegetables or fish or for cleaning surfaces,' he smiles.

'We intended to add a clean, modern and functional kitchen to the charms of a fine period home and I believe we've succeeded in doing that,' adds Dick. 'Together, they present a dramatic contrast.'



ICE MAKER

The couple love to entertain, so their built-in ice maker from Brera, concealed in one of the kitchen units, comes in handy when they need plenty of instant ice for drinks.

EXTRACTOR

Closely integrated into a cabinet over the hob, the canopy extractor hood was supplied by Abitola.

THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINETS

Gianni Piretti at Abitola, 10 Queensgrove, 237 Gloucester Road, Chelsea, Gloucestershire GL5 1 8HJ (01242 36255); www.abitola.com

Gloss White hi-gloss cabinetry with Lavender Blue hi-gloss units, both from the Evolution range by Gira.

WORKTOPS

White quartz composite, supplied by Abitola.

FLOORING

Porcelain tiles from the Design range by Kape, £100 per sqm.

SINK & TAPS

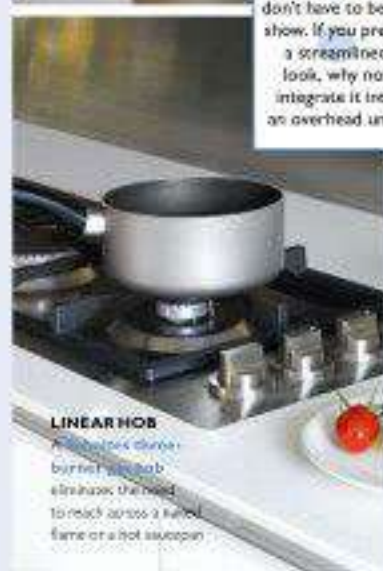
- BlancoDuo 4 5-F undermounted, one-and-a-half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Blauco
- Single-lever monobloc mixer tap in stainless steel with pull-out rose, for similar by Grohe KWC
- Modern boiling water tap in stainless steel effect, Quooker

APPLIANCES (shown)

- H5240RF built-in pyrolytic multifunction oven, Miele
 - H6640M built-in combination oven, Miele
 - PPF33TC 20 three-burner linear gas hob, Schottau, supplied by Abitola
 - Canopy extractor hood at Abitola
 - EDMS80 29 built-in warming drawer, Miele
 - Built-in ice maker, Brera
- ### APPLIANCES (not shown)
- Fully integrated under-fridge freezer, Siemens
 - Fully integrated dishwasher, Miele

GREAT IDEA

Extractor hoods don't have to be on show. If you prefer a streamlined look, why not integrate it into an overhead unit?



LINEAR HOB

A built-in three-burner gas hob allows the need to reach across a naked flame or a hot saucepan.



STORAGE

Two shallow drawers were specially designed to house Dick and Ted's cutlery and utensils.

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STAIRCASE!’



WALL TILES

Large-format, Italian Grigio Bianco grey sandstone tiles, supplied by Abitola, cover the walls where there are no units.

