

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

The walls are covered in Italian Grigio Bateige 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, as 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 & CABINETRY

By Gian Luigi Moretti at **Abitola**, 10 Queensgate, 237 Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 8HJ (01242 342155)

www.abitola.com
Glossy white hi-gloss cabinetry with Lavender Blue hi-gloss units, both from the L'Evolutione range by Elett.

WORKTOPS

White quartz composite, supplied by Abitola.

FLOORING

Porcelain tiles, from the Design range by Keope. Price per sqm.

SINK & TAPS

- BlancoZero 4 5-F undermounted one-and-a-half-bowl sink in stainless steel, Blanco
- Single-lever monobloc mixer tap in stainless steel with pull-out rinse, for similar try Ilex KWC
- Modern boiling water tap in stainless steel effect, Quooker

APPLIANCES (shown)

H52408P built-in pyrolytic multifunction oven, Miele

H50403M built-in combination oven, Miele

PPF307C120 three-burner linear gas hob, Schottan, supplied by Abitola

Canopy extractor hood at Abitola

ESWS080-29 built-in warming drawer, Miele

Built-in ice maker, Brera

APPLIANCES (not shown)

Fully integrated under-fridge, 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 three-burner linear burner gas hob eliminates the need to reach across a raised flame or a hot saucepan.

STORAGE

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



'I WISH WE'D KNOWN HOW MUCH THE DESIGN WOULD INFLUENCE THE ADJACENT ROOM AND STAIRCASE'



WALL TILES

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

