



# Built on Trust

Sinead and Conor's Dublin home is a listed building and so any expansion of the current floor space would take time. In the meantime, they embarked on phase one of their beautiful kitchen with Andrew Ryan Furniture, the results of which are stunning.



‘It’s a protected structure,’ says Sinead, ‘and we need planning for an extra room so in the meantime we ploughed ahead with this initial aspect of the kitchen project. It was a major refurbishment of the house in general with the usage of rooms being changed so there was a lot to deal with.’ So Sinead approached Andrew Ryan Furniture to design a kitchen as part of the renovation. This involved moving the position of the kitchen from the basement to the first floor of her period house. She fell in love with the Classic kitchen design as seen in the showroom in Gorey and the challenge was how to design their kitchen which was going to be narrower and yet deliver the quality of design and impact in keeping with their period home. ‘Once we’d discussed the design, I didn’t even have to think about things, Mia at Andrew Ryan was always one step ahead. We were planning the kitchen in a narrow space and what I originally wanted wasn’t going to fit and they listened very carefully to our budget.’

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Initially Sinead had wanted a U shaped kitchen but having visited their home, the designers were able to explain how a galley shape would work better in this room, and how using curved doors would add to the overall design and create the storage that they were looking for. The design uses curved doors and pillars to create storage and improve the flow in the room. This was the beginning of a collaborative process with the team of qualified design professionals in Andrew Ryan Furniture and it was this level of service that so impressed Sinead early on. Having dealt with many trades and services in the home project, Andrew Ryan were emerging as one of the best. ‘At one point when the plumbing was going in, I became very worried that the space was too narrow into what will eventually be the new room, so I changed everything within one hour. The plumbers were hopping mad but the designers from Andrew Ryan came down and they devised a design that listened to what I wanted and came up with a new dimension to it and they were right all along.’

The overall design concept was agreed based on the galley shape and the changes that were made were done once the designers had the final measure. These changes made did not alter the design concept but were done by the technical team in the workshop to maximise every bit of space for storage in the curved unit at the door into the room and pull back the gap at the door.

But it wasn't just emergency layout issues they would deal with effortlessly. Being a family company founded on craftsmanship, the finer details were always on the designers mind. 'For example, Mia phoned up to talk about the panelling in the doors, she felt a double lip would make it look more elegant. I know what I like and what I don't like, but I just trusted them and they were so right. Things like that were fantastic.'

The door style is the Classic door with a raised panel. A handmade wall to counter curved door unit with a washed oak interior provides valuable larder storage for Sinead's collection of crockery and serving dishes and platters. This then links into the tall larder fridge unit. All these small details together add to the sense of timeless sophistication in this house. A Corian worktop completes the overall look of the kitchen. 'Either side of the hood there is a door with a work unit inside so I never have toasters, blenders or anything out. On the other I have my sandwich maker, blenders etc. So all the work areas are hidden away. The cutlery drawers are beautifully done too and they were a surprise as I'd been so focused on the overall function.'

There was evidently a tremendous amount of trust that built up and Andrew Ryan Furniture's design expertise took things to a new level plus their kitchens are made in Ireland so that each kitchen they design and make is truly bespoke and made in their workshop in Gorey, Co. Wexford. Sinead completed other interior design aspects herself such as the flooring and lighting along with working with Yours Personally based in Dun Laoghaire for fabrics and other elements whom she also said were a pleasure to work with.

We got a lot of things done in the house and we've had builders, carpenters, electricians, painters and I'll never ever use anyone else for this kind of work but Andrew Ryan. Their service is second to none. There are only a handful of companies who will go into my builders bible and they're one of them. Nothing was a problem to them and anything I asked they were up here in within 24 hours. It was sheer and utter joy to work with them. They were here for a while fitting it and their attention to detail was just phenomenal. Perfectionism beyond anything I've ever seen and they take such pride in their work. We have just got permission to extend slightly out the back so this kitchen is only half the size and it is yet to go further so I can't wait for that as I'll be using Andrew Ryan Furniture again. When you deal with a gem like that, you stick with them.' ✕



#### Kitchen Contacts

KITCHEN DESIGN

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**Worktops:** Corian

**Flooring:** Walnut

APPLIANCES

**Range Cooker:** Britannia    **Extractor::** Siemens

**Larder Fridge:** Siemens    **Dishwasher:** Siemens

