

KITCHENS BATHROOMS

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LIGHT FANTASTIC

A FAMILY ROOM OPENING INTO A CONSERVATORY AND GARDEN GAVE
ROBINSON & CORNISH THE IDEAL SPACE TO SHOWCASE ITS STYLE



THE COST

Conservatory Marston & Langering, from £25,000.

Design Robinson & Cornish bespoke blue painted MDF kitchen with signature overmantel, from £30,000.

Worktops 'South African Black' granite worktops, £4,372, from R&C.

Sink and taps 'Glenside' white double sink, £320, by Elon. Nickel lever taps, 8" spout, £413, from R&C.

Flooring 'Cotswold Blonde' antiqued limestone, £128/sq m, by Ceramica & Stone.

Refrigeration Sub-Zero 601R stainless steel refrigerator, £4,391, and Sub-Zero 700BFI two-drawer freezer, £2,863, both from R&C.

Cooker Mercury RC1090B black dual-fuel cooking range, £3,545, from R&C.

Dishwasher Fisher & Paykel DD603SS stainless steel double-drawer dishwasher, £960, from R&C.

(All prices excl. VAT).

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THE OVERALL SENSE OF SPACE IS ALMOST HEADY... ILLUMINATED SHELVES ADD A WARM GLOW

For this large house in south-west London, the brief was clear: a welcoming family kitchen, blending tradition and modernity.

Designers Robinson & Cornish were more than up to the challenge. The kitchen cupboards, for instance, are made from MDF with veneered ash interiors. Howard Robinson, from Robinson & Cornish, explains: 'We always give a client the choice between wood and MDF but I recommend the latter, particularly if there is an Aga, as it is the most stable material and won't warp.'

The kitchen doubles as a family room which extends into a Marston & Langering light-drenched conservatory. Appliances include a bow-

fronted, soundless Fisher & Paykel double-decker dishwasher; a Sub-Zero refrigerator and a free-standing wine cooler (the freezer drawers are tucked away, hidden within the kitchen design). The cupboards above the sink have etched glass doors, brushed stainless steel handles add a contemporary touch and work surfaces are topped with honed black granite. A plate rack over the sink has a stainless steel tray underneath that directs water drips to a specific point over the left-hand bowl, avoiding water splashes on work surfaces and taps. Illuminated shelves add a warm glow. This family kitchen is the spiritual heart of the home – a living, working space, custom-made to the last detail. □