

‘Morocco inspired my kitchen design’

A newly built detached garden flat gave Michelle Paris a blank canvas to create a kitchen with plenty of character



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BESPOKE CABINETS

The **Tobacco oak** furniture by Kitchens has a simple, flat-fronted design that has been surrounded by vibrant tiles and accessories

WORKSURFACES

Pacific Blue Compac quartz adds a shot of colour. The shade is typical of Morocco

FLOORING

Fumed oak floorboards by Weitzer Parkett, from Jordan Andrews, match the cabinetry

STATEMENT TILES

The beautiful **Zeillij wall tiles**, sourced by Michelle, were handmade in Fez, Morocco. To find similar tiles, try justmorocco.com. For similar floor tiles, try Original Style's **York** range at Tiles On Line

GREAT IDEA

Keeping appliances built in helps the room's Moroccan influences shine through

‘I LOVE THE QUARTZ WORKTOPS – THEY REALLY MAKE A DRAMATIC VISUAL STATEMENT’



MICHELLE PARIS LIVES IN A HOUSE IN LONDON WITH HER DAUGHTER, ANNELIE, 18, AND PRISCILLA, A CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL

A passion for all things Moroccan provided the inspiration for Michelle Paris's single-storey apartment, built in the garden of her home. Based on the style of a riad (a traditional Moroccan house or palace with an interior courtyard), the new flat was built to house Michelle, an artist, and daughter Annelie, while their main house is knocked down and replaced by a four-bedroom riad with fountains and courtyards. The flat will then become Annelie's permanent home, while Michelle plans to move back into her stylish new house. As she wanted the flat to feel like home while

BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN

Bi-fold doors lead out to a **patio area**, making the kitchen seem larger. It also allows Michelle to join the two spaces during the summer



DINING AREA

The **orange and pink crockery, glasses and vases** are all from Maisons du Monde in Paris. 'I bought two of everything because the ranges were cheap and only available for one season,' says Michelle. The **table and chairs** came from Morocco

the new house was being built, Michelle started looking for a designer to create a Moroccan-influenced kitchen for it.

After some research, she found Peter Huberman from Kitchens Kitchens, who designed an open-plan kitchen and living space, based on her ideas. Careful planning was key, given the small kitchen area and the real challenge was linking it with Michelle's Moroccan aesthetic.

'A kitchen must be functional as well as beautiful,' recalls Peter, who suggested dark Tobacco oak cabinets to complement Michelle's Moroccan furniture elsewhere in the room, and quartz worktops in bright blue. 'Originally, I'd set my heart on a brass worktop but Peter explained that it would be too soft,' says Michelle. 'When he suggested this blue, which is used a lot in Morocco, I knew he was right.'

Michelle's wall tiles were shipped over from Morocco. 'I had them concreted onto board to make them easier to transport and position,' she explains. 'It would have taken a week to put them up, otherwise.'

'An open-plan layout is typical of a Moroccan house and means the kitchen is always visible,' she continues. 'Mine has the Moorish look I wanted, as well as being contemporary with all the mod-cons.'

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The cabinet handles were made in Morocco by a traditional craftsman who copied a handle Michelle had bought there years before

WET AREA
The brass of the C-spout tap from Ikea matches the cabinetry handles



ALL IN THE DETAIL

A **carved archway** adds an authentic Moroccan touch



PRICE GUIDE
Total cost
£18,000
for a similar Kitchens Kitchens design

THE KITCHEN AT A GLANCE

DESIGN & CABINETS

- Peter Huberman at **Kitchens Kitchens**, 75 Haverstock Hill, Belsize Park, London NW3 4SL (020 7483 0201) www.kitchenskitchens.co.uk
- Bespoke Tobacco oak furniture

WORKTOPS

- Pacific Blue Compac quartz. Price per linear m **£420**

FLOORING

- Ceramic floor tiles. For similar try York tiles, Tiles On Line. Price per sq m **£70**
- Fumed oak, Weitzer Parkett, supplied by Jordan Andrews. Price per sq m **£96**

SINK & TAP

- 6703-01-XX Cisterna 50 undermounted single-bowl ceramic sink in Crème Ceramicplus, Villeroy & Boch **£268**
- Ringskar single-lever monobloc mixer tap in brass, Ikea **£79**

APPLIANCES (shown)

- IF63K built-in single oven, Indesit **£265**
- VRA640C four-zone electric hob, Indesit **£225**
- DIF16 fully integrated dishwasher, Indesit **£325**

APPLIANCES (not shown)

- Fully integrated built-under fridge, Indesit **£240**



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PLAN SCALE 1cm:1m

