

Problem Solvers

For many people, the thought of starting a home renovation is a daunting prospect, but companies like Architect Your Home try to make the process as simple as possible. Here, the company's David Appleton offers an example....

THE PROBLEM

“Like many couples in north London, Mr and Mrs Bates were keen to change the layout of their three-bedroom town house and extend into the garden. The new space would be a kitchen, living and dining room, so their family could enjoy the garden as an extension of the home. They wanted to find a solution that was affordable, workable and well designed”

THE SOLUTION

“Mr and Mrs Bates' brief is a popular starting point, but each project is a unique response according to the client's individual needs, budgets and the existing physical constraints. In this instance, the client's big passion was cooking and it was quickly agreed that the kitchen would be a dominant presence within the reconfigured and extended ground floor.

“Natural light is frequently a problem. This was addressed by creating a large opening to the rear of the extension and carefully locating roof lights along

the centre of the existing house. An informal sitting area was located adjacent to the dining table, with the ceiling lowered to create a more intimate feel. We have just started work on phase two – creating a new bedroom and en-suite bathroom with the loft as there is another baby on the way....

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