

✦ Key info

- Handpainted tulip wood kitchen with walnut window seat and wine rack from JJ Byrne Cabinet Makers
- Rangemaster cooker
- Siemens dishwasher
- Whirlpool fridge freezer
- Polished porcelain tiles
- Venetian gold granite worktops from Ballyroan Stone
- Franke sink



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The home: A new build in Co. Offaly.
Who lives here? Brian and Lisa.



When Brian and Lisa moved into their newly built home two years ago, it was the perfect opportunity for the couple to begin exploring a range of planning and design possibilities for their dream kitchen. As an avid cook, Lisa had a good understanding and a clear vision of what the ideal kitchen design should include, and she was happy to take the lead with the project. The two set about looking for the right designer to help them realise their dream and, after some in-depth research and with several recommendations to guide them, they decided that Jack of JJ Byrne Cabinet Making was the man for the job.

Both Brian and Lisa had been particularly impressed with the cream kitchens in several JJ Byrne brochures, and the couple were keen to install a similar design that still had their own individual stamp on it. Both wanted to avoid contemporary models in favour of a classic styled kitchen with a bright and traditional feel. The couple were also very keen on a practical kitchen that incorporated all the necessary appliances, but still retained a personal touch. With these ideas in mind, they worked together with Jack to draw up a design for this beautiful handpainted tulip wood kitchen. 'Jack was great to work





with,' says Lisa. 'After various visits to his workshop and site, the plans really started coming together. Jack was able to tease out our ideas, showing us sample drawings and helping us come up with a kitchen that was perfect for us.'

With this light toned, spacious design now installed, both Brian and Lisa are absolutely delighted with their choice. A high standard of workmanship is evident in every detail, from the curved doors, walnut wine rack and glass doors, to the ornate panelling that frames the fridge freezer. Walnut drawers, deep shelving and tall cupboards provide excellent storage, whilst the window seat provides a place for relaxing as well as cooking. With so many special features to choose from, the couple found it hard to decide upon a favourite but Lisa is particularly fond of the breakfast bar: 'It's a wonderful feature – its gently curved design creates a stylish yet practical dining area, seating four and also offering extra storage.' Since installing the design, the kitchen has really become the heart of Brian and Lisa's home. 'It's a fabulous room where we spend most of our time. It really is ideal for everything – cooking, dining and socialising. We're just thrilled with how it's turned out!'

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