

LIFETIME DESIGN

Key info

- Solid oak Shaker style bespoke kitchen from Infocus Furniture by Design
- Venetian Gold Original granite worktop
- All appliances are Fisher & Paykel – dual fuel range cooker, fridge freezer and dishwasher
- Dining table and chairs by Infocus Furniture by Design
- Louis Poulsen lighting, sourced by Infocus

The home: A new build in Co. Donegal.

Who lives here? Aiden, his wife Jennifer and their daughter Celine.

Although based in Florida, Aiden wanted to create a home from home in his birthplace of Donegal. Building a house close to his relatives, this is where he, his wife Jennifer and their little girl, Celine retreat to when they return to Ireland throughout the year. 'I've been in Florida for 24 years now but I like to come home to see my family and friends, so it was a priority to build a place close by,' says Aiden.

It was during a trip home last Christmas that the ball started rolling with the kitchen design. 'My sister recommended Infocus so we stopped off in the showroom, talked to Aisling and Godfrey and had a look at the various options. We loved one of the kitchens in their brochure, so decided to go with a similar look, with some tweaks and additional features to put our individual stamp on it. After that initial meeting, 90% of the communication was done via phone and email! I had total trust in these guys and complete faith that they would design our perfect kitchen. They are the experts so we left our kitchen completely in their very capable hands.'

An impressive and extremely solid looking design, it's hard to believe this was essentially designed between Donegal and Florida with no changes to the initial plans. A timeless design, this will not date, a factor Aiden held as a main priority. 'This is a lifetime kitchen. I knew when we chose it that this kitchen would be here for the duration. This is why it was so important to get it just right. We were originally going to go for an island but then



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thought we'd prefer a table and chairs as this is our main dining area. Infocus made these for us and we couldn't be happier with them. The quality of all the furniture is second to none. I still get a kick out of this design every time I walk into the room.'

Aisling project managed, emailing updates to Aiden regularly, sending pictures to keep the couple abreast of all the developments. Not wanting to close the room in, the couple were keen to keep wall units to a minimum with larder presses providing additional discreet storage. A framed unit has been built out to house a larder and the Fisher & Paykel fridge freezer; with a handy wine rack above. Continuing the flow of the kitchen, a bespoke freestanding dresser has been designed for the far end of the room, providing extra storage and drawing the scheme together. 'Aisling and Godfrey went above and beyond. I couldn't have dreamed of getting a better kitchen and yet with minimal effort on our behalf. Their professionalism and enthusiasm is outstanding. I'd recommend Infocus to anyone. We've since asked them to fit out our other rooms, so they're doing our walk-in wardrobes, guest room and bathroom furniture. It means so much to have a company you can really rely on, especially since we are not on hand to oversee the project.'

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