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A home in need of renovation is given a makeover while retaining its charm

THE BRIEF GIVEN to designer Sean Cochrane at the outset of this project was to concentrate on the ground floor. "The owner of this London house wanted to create an outside room which seamlessly carried on from the kitchen/dining area with clean lines and a contemporary yet comfortable and homely feel." ■ Cochrane is based in the UK, but takes on projects in South Africa. • *Cochrane Design* ☺ www.cochrandedesign.com

THE KITCHEN/DINING ROOM

What has changed? The dining area was moved to the rear of the room, nearer the sliding doors which lead outside. The powder-coated doors slide open fully, seamlessly joining the areas. This is further amplified by the use of honed basalt slate which flows from the front door through the kitchen into the garden area. Shoddy joinery and strip-pine

floorboards have been replaced with smart charcoal tiles - easy to clean and more kitchen appropriate - and clean-lined cabinets. **What was used?** Handleless Parapan units and sleek cutting-edge appliances give the space 21st-century polish, while 100mm-oak work surfaces also wrap down the sides of the units and keep the effect warm. ▶



CUPBOARDS

This sleek handleless execution creates a clean finish.

SPLASHBACK

Dark grey to match the floors, the splashback contrasts with the white for a crisp effect.

FLOORING

Basalt slate tiles were used from the front door through the kitchen and into the garden area for a sense of continuation.







Key to the brief of this project was to create an extendable space where the owners could entertain

SEAN COCHRANE

THE OUTDOOR LIVING AREA

What has changed? We cut back the lower level of garden by six metres, down to the same level as the floor of the interior. The end of the garden was left raised, serving as a separate area. Here we introduced a comfortable chill-out area with specialist lighting, a water feature and outdoor speakers. **What was used?** Rather than high-maintenance grass, the area is covered in neat-looking gravel. The seating area is covered by a trellis made from English oak. Potted topiary adds to the groomed effect.

THE WATER FEATURE Made of brushed stainless steel, the sculptural water feature is an interesting industrial focal point.

