

## Key info

- Chichester handpainted kitchen in Limestone from Neptune at Castle Cabinets
- Black granite with unique natural grain
- Neff appliances – oven, combi microwave oven and induction hob
- Perrin & Rowe mixer tap
- Neptune Suffolk painted bar stools
- Neptune Henley round pedestal table with Henley linen dining chairs
- Neptune Burlington Crystal Ball lamp with silk shade
- Antique oak wide plank flooring from Castle Cabinets

# COASTAL COTTAGE

The home: A traditional seaside cottage in Co Waterford.

Who lives here? Elaine.

Elaine's traditional coastal cottage has been extensively renovated to include a gorgeous new kitchen in a restful open plan living area. 'This is the first time I've undertaken such a project. I've never chosen a kitchen or had work like this done from scratch so I really needed guidance and advice,' says Elaine.

Having not intended to do so much work to the cottage, Elaine ended up having the entire house stripped right back, retaining beautiful original features, such as the stained glass windows through which you can enjoy breathtaking, uninterrupted ocean views. Elaine first visited Castle Cabinets while on a visit to Kilkenny, about a year before starting work on the house. Impressed with the range and quality of Neptune kitchens on display, she did what many of us do, shop around and then come back to

where she was initially bowled over. 'These kitchens were the best I'd seen in Ireland and I was also so impressed with John at Castle Cabinets, who had an excellent knowledge of the kitchens and he really took care to discuss my specific requirements and how I would be using my kitchen. I did shop around but nothing else came close so I ended up back in the first showroom I visited, where John sourced everything for me, right down to the dining furniture, bar stools and even the flooring!'

This exact kitchen design was on display in the showroom and it was this very one that Elaine fell in love with on her first visit. 'I wanted a style that wouldn't date and because this is part of an open plan room, I wanted the kitchen to be pleasing on the eye as well as practical. I loved the way this one is more about beautiful furniture than typical



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kitchen wall units.' This elegant style perfectly complements the cottage; its Limestone colour scheme is subtly contrasted against the feature wall, painted in Honed Slate from Neptune, and Farrow & Ball Lime White on the remaining walls. 'John was so thorough from the outset, taking time to discuss all my options before producing detailed plans for me to consider. This level of guidance was exactly what I needed and throughout the entire project, I had complete confidence in Castle Cabinets. They're a long established company and have an in depth knowledge of their product.'

The painted units are finished with chrome handles to complement the tap and the range of stainless steel appliances. A larger than standard island is a fabulous central focus. 'This is my favourite part of the kitchen. It's so nice to sit here as a more casual option to the dining table and the views from here are fabulous. My experience of the Neptune product at Castle Cabinets has been so positive. I've got the kitchen I always wanted and they even went the extra mile and supplied the stools, the dining furniture and even my wide plank antique oak flooring that I'd admired in the Neptune brochure!'

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