

A Sleek and Livable Family Space



When Eryk Ulanowski, architect and founder of Studio Ulanowski, was asked to design a London home for a Hong Kong-based jewelry designer and her family, his main task was to tackle the challenging interior layout, which he describes as “unapproachable and rigid.” In its place, he introduced a playful new scheme with unexpected layers of depth.

“In the main living space, the key was to break down the boundaries of living, dining, and cooking, which were compartmentalizing the room,” explains Ulanowski. This was done with a number of interventions. The bespoke oak kitchen, made from fluted timber and slabs of gray terrazzo, wraps around the walls, and its lower half is painted pale blue and includes a long run of cabinets that extends into the living area. Here, the dining table can be turned around and extended to seat up to 12 people or become a roomy homework station for the owner’s children. Finished in the same oak, the table fits snugly over the living room cabinets so that the two appear to merge into one.