

TRADITIONAL HOME WITH A MODERN EDGE

Glazing specialist Kloeber has helped the owners of this house in Cambridgeshire achieve an attractive balance between the original period architecture and the contemporary glazed elements in the new extension



LOCATION
Cambridgeshire

EXTENSION SIZE
38m²

PROJECT TYPE
Extension
& remodel

PROJECT COST
£130,000

GLAZING
Kloeber

Kloeber worked closely with Harvey Norman Architects on the extension and remodel of this semi-detached Victorian dwelling in Cambridgeshire. Keen to increase the sense of brightness and space inside their home, the clients briefed the designers to develop a bright and airy living and dining area that all the family could enjoy.

In addition, a playroom has been incorporated into the new two-storey extension, which can easily be partitioned off from the rest of the house. To the rear of this zone, the homeowners have also added a cloakroom and utility area to accommodate the washing machine and tumble dryer, freeing up more space in the existing kitchen.

On the ground floor, two sets of aluminium Kustomfold bifold doors have been installed, adding a modern design flourish to this traditional home. These were specified to be 2.4m high, as opposed to the standard 2.1m, to complement the high-ceilinged Victorian interiors. This solution also draws in the maximum amount of light from the pretty courtyard garden. Both sets of doors were

manufactured in a three-unit configuration. Each features a single access panel that provides a convenient entrance when occupants want to quickly pop in and out of the house.

The challenge of hiding the children's toys from view was solved by installing internal timber bifolds, also supplied by Kloeber. These were manufactured to match the height of the external aluminium doors, helping to establish a sense of consistency. This has resulted in a flexible living area that is adaptable to suit the needs of the family, as the panels can be drawn shut to zone off the room when less space is required. Opaque glazing was chosen to help conceal the playroom when homeowners want to entertain guests or unwind, without the view of the playroom's contents.

The upper storey of the extension houses an ensuite bathroom. A projecting feature window has been added

to the bedroom, with a seat positioned in the bay. Made from aluminium, the casement unit was supplied by Kloeber and matches the one in the utility area on the ground floor. The upper-level window is set within a striking zinc surround to add extra visual flair to this elevation of the house. Aluminium was specified for all of the new external glazed elements because of its low-maintenance properties. It also adds a contemporary detail to the property's characterful exterior.

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“Working with Harvey Norman Architects on a local project like this was perfect for us,” says Matt Higgs from Kloeber. “The contemporary design-led scheme was also well-suited to our range of aluminium products. The result is a clean, understated yet stylish property, with close attention to detail underpinning a high-end finish throughout.”



TOP TIPS

Matt Higgs, sales director and co-owner of Kloeber, shares his expert advice on how to specify the right glazing products for your extension

- Think carefully about how you use the new rooms on a day-to-day basis, considering factors such as where the light comes from and which parts of the new zone you'll spend the majority of your time in.
- Try and achieve level thresholds to seamlessly connect the inside and outside areas – not all of the extension necessarily has to be inside space. The beauty of being able to open your new addition up to the garden can be completely lost if the flooring isn't laid flush throughout. Try to get the inside and outside surfaces as level as you possibly can.
- Consider the thermal performance and U-values of all the materials you use – this is particularly important with glazing products such as doors and windows.
- If you want to create a larger opening in your extension, consider installing sliding doors. This solution provides larger expanses of glass with slimmer frames. For smaller apertures measuring under 4m in width, bifold doors are great for opening up the whole space.

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For over a decade, Kloeber has offered homeowners and self-builders a range of bespoke glazing solutions, helping them select the perfect doors and windows for their unique projects. The award-winning company has a vast selection of high-end products, including bifold, sliding, French and front doors. It also offers windows, rooflights and fixed glazed elements.

Kloeber specialises in providing its clients with the full package in terms of service, from the initial meeting and showroom visit through to liaising with architects and builders involved in the project. The company can also offer a detailed site survey to guarantee the perfect installation service, carried out by its in-house fitting teams.

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