

BEFORE



OLD EXTENSION

Left The rear of the original house had been spoilt with a two-storey addition that didn't work well inside, or look good from outside



DINING AREA

Above Located in the new part of the extension, the dining space is adjacent to the arched glazed doors that were introduced to overlook the garden



IMPROVED LAYOUT

Left The larger, redesigned extension complements the grand frontage of the house, as well as helping to create a better layout and circulation inside the property

CASE STUDY

Redesigned modern addition

Adding to a plain two-storey 1980s extension gave the exterior of this Hampshire home an elegant finish in keeping with its age, as well as creating more space inside.

Demolishing the old two-storey extension of this converted stable building and then constructing a new one would have been a prohibitively expensive project, so Nigel Lewis, of architectural practice Space & Style Home Design, decided to design an addition to the 1980s extension instead.

The original extension had made the house an L shape. In the new design, the foot of this L shape was doubled in width, creating the potential for a family-friendly interior. As well as allowing more generous room sizes and having an appearance much better suited to the original house – which dates back to the 1800s – than the previous addition, the reworked extension meant the owners could reconfigure the space inside their home.

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Planning permission for the work was obtained at first submission of the design, which followed the lines of the original house with a shallow roof pitch and included attractive arched windows. Internally, the walls between the old extension and the new space were knocked down, with new steels creating structural support, resulting in a double-width kitchen and family room downstairs.

The expanded extension allowed the owners to move their kitchen from the original house into the 1980s portion of the revamped structure, and this working area is now open to a light-filled dining space near the French windows in the new part. The poorly placed extension staircase was also replaced with a new one in the family room, and upstairs walls were repositioned to create new bathrooms and bedrooms. Gutting and reconfiguring all the interiors, replacing all windows, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and staircase relocation, cost around £200,000.