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CASE STUDY #03

**RUSTIC**  
**FUNCTIONALITY MEETS OLD-WORLD CHARM**

Faced with the task of storing masses of beautiful fragile porcelain from far corners of the world, Jane Visser and Mark Thomas decided that an elegantly tall storage dresser should become the feature of this farmhouse kitchen. A very large central island was placed between the kitchen and the living room, and this functions as a sociable tasting area for the owners – who are passionate about wine – and as a work surface. This island is slightly higher than usual to suit one of the owners, who is very tall; another countertop is at a conventional height and that beside the stove is lower than average – these provide a range of heights to suit all activities. The detailed joinery

design is by Janetta Lehmensich of Visser & Thomas Architects. Contemporary details such as the choice of suspended lighting work well with the historical style of the house but also balance the collection of rugs and well-thumbed recipe books. Frosted-glass onion-dome lights from R39 to R109, Prolux Lighting 021-423-7081. Visser & Thomas Architects 021-423-3241. **BREAD BIN R625**, Loft Living 021-422-0088; **BUTTER DISH R149**, Nocturnal Affair 021-419-2291.





## 01 IN THE MIX

The stainless-steel Daphne prep bowl R582 and Diamante 001 single-lever mixer R1 368 on the central island are both from Franke Kitchen Systems 012-643-9440, 021-529-5700, 031-450-6301. Enamel pitcher R195, Loft Living; bowls from R119 each, Nocturnal Affair. If you're wondering where the real washing-up action happens, look through the doors on the right-hand side of the main picture: the discreet passageway (with useful storage shelves) leads to a large scullery behind.

## 02 ON THE RANGE

The most beautiful piece of Ivory Cream granite R2 450/m<sup>2</sup> from Original Stone Projects 021-510-6392 was selected for the cooking alcove. The Ilve cooker and Gaggenau extractor are from Euro Appliances 011-783-3773, 021-424-6688. Spinning Kettle R350, @home; white jug (on counter) R105, teapot R425, mixing bowls from R68, utensil holder R110, flask R185, vintage model car R195, all Loft Living; jugs (on shelf) R91 each, celadon bowls R119 each, dishcloths R185 each, all Nocturnal Affair.

## 03 GET THE BLUES

The Supawood doors were ducoed in Plascon Babar (E34-5), and solid saligna was used on the countertop and dresser.

“ONE-ROOM LIVING IS THE EASIEST WAY TO LIVE”

— Jane Visser, architect

