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At Barnes of Ashburton Ltd we design and hand build beautiful, bespoke kitchens and freestanding furniture.

We have over 35 years of experience in designing, building and installing kitchens in a vast range of properties. From timeworn farmhouses to modern seaside developments, we are as happy working within the irregularities of an old period building as the compelling designs of modern architecture.

We pride ourselves on making kitchens that enhance your home.









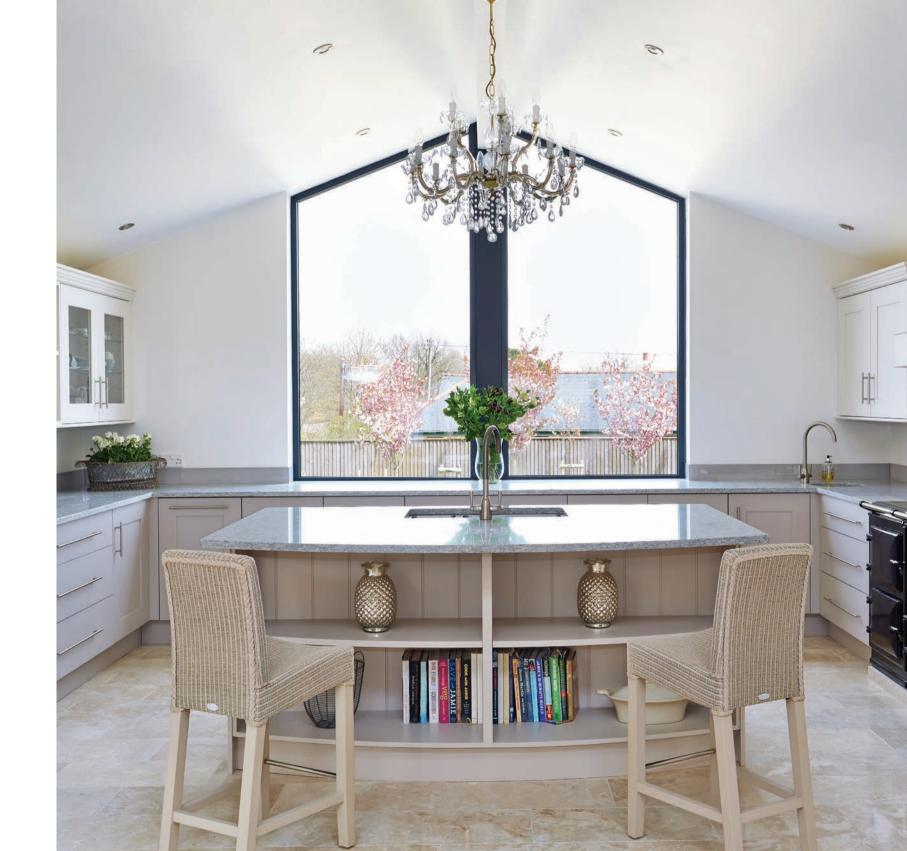




Barnes' Beginnings

The company was established by furniture designer Patrick Gunning in the early eighties. His commitment to traditional joinery techniques and cabinet making remain at the heart of all Barnes kitchens, which are made in our Devon workshop by highly skilled woodworkers.

Patrick retired in 2010 but is still involved with what is now a family run business. The team he left in charge have been with the company for many years, and this bears testament to the warmth and friendliness for which Barnes of Ashburton is known.





Beautiful and Functional

The kitchen is the heart of the home, so it is vital that the space really works for you and your family. Whether you choose kitchen units that are built-in or freestanding, we understand the importance of ample storage, use of space and movement around the key areas of the kitchen. More often than not kitchens are for more than just cooking, and need to function as an area to relax, entertain and work in. Our commitment to careful consultation with our clients ensures we understand and fulfill all these requirements.

We have experience of building kitchens in every style imaginable from classic farmhouse to stylish contemporary. We pride ourselves on expert and innovative design skills, superb craftsmanship and exceptional attention to detail. You can be sure that your finished kitchen will look fabulous and last forever.







Unique by Design

Every Barnes kitchen is different. Our designers approach each new kitchen with an entirely open mind. The character of your home and your individual style will inform and influence the design.

Furniture design really is at the core of everything we do. The traditional joinery and cabinet making techniques that Patrick employed continue to be used in our workshop today. We are happy to undertake commissions for bespoke freestanding or fitted furniture. Whether you want your kitchen to be made up of individual pieces, or if you are just after the perfect dresser, kitchen table or pantry cupboard to compliment fitted units, our skilled team can design and build unique pieces of furniture to your exact specifications. Our experience ensures that we can create furniture that echoes the architectural details of the past or celebrates the clean, simple lines of modern design.











Free-Standing Furniture

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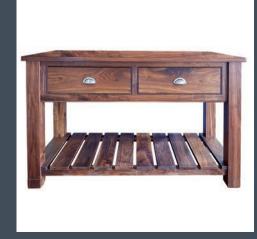
Recent projects outside the kitchen that we have worked on are:

- Book shelves and display cabinets
- Desks and filing units for studies
- Vanities and storage units for bedrooms and bathrooms.

Whichever the room, the principles of good design and our professional approach remain the same. After a detailed consultation to understand your particular needs, we will design furniture that meets your criteria and works with your property. Once this is finalized and the finish and details agreed, we build your furniture from scratch, in our workshop, and oversee the whole process right up to it's installation.

















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The Process

Barnes Kitchens are entirely handmade in our workshop in Devon. Our experienced designers will work closely with you to create a design that is suited to your individual requirements and desires. Your Barnes kitchen is then built by the workshop team.

In the first instance we will visit you at home to ensure that our designer and project manager know exactly what you are looking for in your new kitchen. It's vital we understand how your kitchen will be used, what storage space you require, what your budget and timescale is and what overall look or style you want to achieve. We can offer advice on materials and finishes and how to work around the quirks of old and new buildings alike. We take exact measurements and discuss every aspect of your kitchen with you.

Wonky walls, period beams and uneven floors are not a problem as we relish the challenge of scribing each piece into place so that it fits exactly with the architecture of the room. We firmly believe that your kitchen should be made to fit your home, and not the other way around!











Design and Service

Next our designers create detailed drawings, taking into account all the fundamental information we have gathered. These plans provide you with an initial design concept as well as detailed planning of storage and use of space. Once this overall design is agreed we can get down to specifics and will discuss materials, appliances and finishes. We keep an eye on the latest kitchen innovations and maintain excellent working relationships with leading suppliers of worktops, range cookers, appliances and lighting in order to provide you with the very best advice on all areas of kitchen design.

Only once the design is agreed will we ask you for a deposit in order to secure your commission and installation date. A new kitchen is a major investment, and ensuring we keep to your budget and time scale is key. We will project manage the whole process, and because our kitchens are made in our workshop, we have absolute control of costs and are able to dovetail your kitchen design to ensure your dream kitchen remains within your budget.

We are also able to give a realistic completion date and provide a full installation service.













The Workshop

We encourage you to visit our Devon workshop where you can see for yourself that each element of every Barnes kitchen is hand built. Nothing is bought in or contracted out. Our designers and cabinet makers take pride in pursuing the practices and methods historically used for building household and kitchen furniture. For centuries the mortice and tenon joint has been used to provide the strength and durability necessary to ensure furniture lasts through the generations, and Barnes craftsmen are happy to be using this jointing method to ensure that your kitchen will last a lifetime and beyond.

We want to ensure you are 100% happy with your beautiful Barnes kitchen.
Much of our business comes through recommendations from satisfied customers, so we always make a final site visit once everything is installed to ensure you are entirely satisfied.









The End Result

In today's world the demand for things to be made quickly and cheaply leads to the mass production of kitchens that lack the character, quality and longevity of a more traditional approach.

Because we know your kitchen will last forever, having been built by hand using tried and tested methods, each one comes with a Lifetime Guarantee.









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