

PROMOTIONAL FEATURE



TASK LIGHTING
Get maximum visibility in the kitchen area of an open-plan kitchen-diner with a cleverly placed roof light
Roof windows, from £219, VELUX

LET IN MORE DAYLIGHT

Brighten up your home with one of the brilliant glazing solutions from VELUX®

When converting a loft or adding an extension, it's important to consider how much daylight these spaces are going to get. There's no point turning an under-used attic into a guest room or hard-working home office if it's going to be dark and dingy. And if you're thinking of extending out as well as up, clever use of glazing is just as important to make the room feel bright and spacious as square footage.

ASK THE EXPERTS

Whatever your project, to maximize light and provide proper ventilation, you need to consider exactly what size and type of roof window will work best – and that's where VELUX can help. With over 75 years' of experience in helping

homeowners to find the right glazing for their properties, VELUX has a solution for every space. Choose from roof windows, including top-hung designs, which provide uninterrupted panoramic views, VELUX INTEGRA® automated windows, which are remote controlled, solar and mains-powered and programmable, and sun tunnels, which will help get light into awkward dark corridors.

GET THE BEST SERVICE

When you've decided which windows suit, finding a recommended local fitter is straight forward thanks to the VELUX Certified Installer Partnership. VELUX also offers a 10-year guarantee on windows and flashings, plus an impressive 25 years' availability on parts.



DOUBLE UP
Flood a small space with light with centre pivot windows stacked vertically
Centre pivot white polyurethane roof windows, from £274, VELUX

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

For help with your next project, e-mail psateam@velux.co.uk, call 01592 778873 or visit velux.co.uk to see the range.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **VELUX®**

'We created an inside-outside space'

The Bird family's new kitchen extension can be opened up to feel like part of the garden

Boudien and Patrick Bird swapped city-centre living for a semi in a family friendly location when they found out baby number two was on the way.

SEEING ITS POTENTIAL

The house needed complete renovation, but its position on a wide plot with a large garden made it a great prospect for extending. 'It was very dated with a small kitchen and very little connection to the outside space,' says Boudien. 'The interior needed reconfiguring, too.'

PROJECT PLANNING

In addition to planning permission, the couple had to obtain approval from the Dulwich Estate, which owns the land. 'We hired Simon Whitehead Architects (020 7183 1063; simonwhitehead.com), as Simon had worked on other houses within the Estate,' says Boudien.

LETTING IN LIGHT

'Our brief was to create a family room with a kitchen, dining and living area, plus we wanted lots of glass to link the indoor and outdoor areas,' says Boudien. 'Simon designed a large rooflight and the rear wall is glazed, with two sliding doors that can be pushed back to open up the space to the garden. The project took a year and was stressful at times, but it was worth it to gain this light-filled, open-plan layout.'



BEFORE

In need of TLC, the house also felt separate from the garden



AFTER

The extension has created a large, open living area. The original pebble-dash was smoothed down and repainted

Welcome to my home



Boudien Bird lives here with husband Patrick and children Beatrix, four, and Toby, three

THE PROPERTY
Four-bedroom, Thirties, semi-detached house in Dulwich, London

THE VALUE
Bought for £1.3 million in 2013; now worth around £2 million

WHAT IT COST	
Professional fees.....	£30,000
Building work.....	£200,000
Glazing and sliding doors.....	£33,000
Kitchen.....	£30,000
Flooring.....	£7,000
TOTAL.....	£300,000

“We now have a fantastic family room that's also the perfect entertaining space”



ABOVE 'With such a huge expanse of glazing, we almost feel like we're sitting in the garden even when we're inside the house,' says Boudien

LEFT A roof light increases the sense of height and space inside. 'The kitchen is a fantastic family room where we can spend time with the children, but it's also the perfect entertaining space.' A joiner, Ian Dunn (020 8613 1781; iandunn.com), built the kitchen



'We love how much light there is,' says Boudien

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

Sliding door systems

Architect Simon Whitehead offers his expert advice

1 THEY CREATE A SLEEK, CONTEMPORARY LOOK

'One of the best ways to achieve modern indoor/outdoor living, sliding doors allow you to open up a space to the garden. The doors operate on recessed tracks, ensuring there's a level threshold between the house and terrace.'

2 YOU GET A GREAT VIEW

'When closed, sliding doors offer better outside views than bifold designs as there's less framework to block your sight lines.'

3 THEY'RE DURABLE

'With the majority of designs on the market made from strong aluminium frames, they're able to support huge panes of glass. The minimal windows system from IQ Glass (01494 722880; iqglass.uk.com) used on this project is available with sliding panes up to 8.5 square metres in size.'

4 YOU CAN CHOOSE WHICH WAY THEY OPEN...

'Tailor the set-up of the doors to best suit your space: slide them open from the centre of the glazed wall, from one or both ends, or even create a fully opening corner.'

5 ...AND THEIR COLOUR

'Want something bolder than the standard dark-grey frames? You can have your doors powder-coated in a shade from the RAL colour-matching system.'

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Realise the VELUX potential in your extension

What is the VELUX potential? It's when that extra space transforms into an extra special space that you all love spending time in. Whether you already have an extension or are planning one right now, VELUX roof windows can bring twice the daylight, plus more fresh air and more life, helping you realise your extension's full potential.

For free advice call 01592 778873 or email psateam@velux.co.uk and the VELUX daylight experts can help you with your next project.

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