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## Radiator spotting in Knightsbridge

Mercury Design has specified Eskimo radiators on fourteen projects over eight years – the latest is a 3 bedroom apartment in Knightsbridge of approximately 2600 square feet. One of the finest construction fit outs in London.

The apartment is graced with beautiful artwork and furnished immaculately, and the sleek simple lines of Eskimo Outline radiators blend perfectly with their surroundings. Mercury’s focus for the Knightsbridge development was to choose neutral but contrasting colours to create a dramatic light and dark setting. They complimented this with strong coloured artwork and soft furnishings to add warmth and homeliness. As with all of their projects they chose Eskimo because they love the exceptionally clean lines of the design and the way that Mercury installed them in alcoves makes them seem as though they are part of the wall surface. Mercury utilised Eskimo’s colour matching service to ensure that the radiators would ‘disappear’.

Mercury have specified numerous finishes for the Eskimo radiators used on different projects over the years, from Eskimo’s Supermirror stainless steel, through various bespoke colours to highly polished brass. The emphasis is always on blending the radiators into the scheme, and in Mercury Design’s opinion there is no other radiator they can use for this purpose. Underfloor heating would seem to be a good option if you don’t want to see your

radiators but Mercury don’t like to use underfloor heating due to both the lack of close temperature control and the wooden flooring, burnt oak, used throughout the apartment. Because of the potential damage to a natural substance like wood through exposure to extremes of temperature, the flooring supplier specifies that if underfloor heating is used, the temperature must only be raised by one degree per week when the floor is first installed. It’s not a risk that Mercury are willing to take.

Phil Ward of Eskimo: “As a designer of a product that will inevitably become part of a bigger scheme you have no control of how your product is installed or displayed, so seeing them in this setting makes me proud. This might seem odd when you consider the reason I like it so much is that the radiators are close to invisible, but that was always the raison d’être for this design. If I were specifying Outline radiators for my own home, this is precisely how I would detail the installation”

Eskimo’s philosophy is to fundamentally alter our perception of the radiator as something you would expect to be ugly. “Our radiators are simply beautiful, highly functional radiators, nothing more complicated than that. You can see in an apartment of this standard, the last thing you would want would be a radiator that shouted its presence and competed for attention with the decorative objects in the room.”

**Property Design & Development:**  
Mercury Design Ltd

**Location:**  
Nr. Knightsbridge, London

**Property Value Bracket:**  
Luxury

**Radiators used:**  
Eskimo’s Outline range –  
bespoke sizes throughout

**Radiator Finish:**  
Powder coated in a bespoke  
colour – precisely matched to  
a swatch provided by the client

**Radiator retail price range:**  
Between £549 & £2780 + VAT

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