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PICTURE-PERFECT KITCHENS

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The owners of the featured kitchen were looking for the 'wow' factor. With the work room (scullery) positioned behind the main kitchen, the concept was to create a kitchen showpiece that would act as a backdrop to the open-plan living space, creating a 'picture frame' effect.

Clean, crisp, minimal lines give the kitchen a sleek and contemporary appearance. Design symmetry, balance of tone and a minimalistic aesthetic enhance the kitchen's individuality and presence. All working spaces, including the scullery, laundry and office are cleverly hidden behind the kitchen, ensuring it remains the working hub of the home.

The white-on-white colour scheme has been created with the use of Resene 'Black White' cabinetry and 'Aspen Glacier' Staron benchtops. Their combined use gives the kitchen a crisp, seamless look. Resene 'wet cement' gloss lacquer was used to create the picture frame effect, and is backlit with LED lights. The scullery – which houses the fridges, food, bulk appliances such as the toaster and coffee machine, extra sink and Zip water filter, features a combination of materials – Amerind Legno architectural panels in Driftwood Cresto, CaesarStone 'Organic White' benchtops and a Mirrormax splashback. The pantry 'hides the mess' and ensures the public face of the kitchen remains smart, clean and tidy.



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A seamless Staron breakfast bar is cleverly positioned and tucked away enough as not to detract from the overall design while still providing a functional designated meals area for the clients' young children. Again, Staron was selected as the material of choice for its seamless appeal and extreme durability.

The work room within the kitchen is purely focused on function. Designed for storing food and bulky everyday appliances, it is an out-of-the-way work preparation space that doubles as a spot to hide dirty dishes from sight, and is a true asset to any kitchen.

Based in Brisbane, Interiors by Darren James builds throughout Queensland and designs Australia-wide. Specialising in contemporary kitchens, as well as all other interior spaces including bathrooms, wardrobes, bars, outdoor kitchens and custom joinery, the company has attracted multiple prestigious awards, including the Kitchen and Bathroom Design Institute's (KBDi) National Certified Designer of the Year, which was awarded to Darren James in 2010.