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## A SPLASH OF RED

SPECTACULAR KITCHEN MAKEOVERS

Interiors by Darren James was presented with a considerable challenge when redesigning this kitchen. Situated in a small apartment, the previous kitchen was cramped, dark and dated, and needed a major overhaul to achieve the brief provided by the clients.

Located in the trendy inner-city suburb of New Farm with views directly across to New Farm Park, the apartment desperately required remodelling to echo the contemporary essence of this vibrant district. The clients – busy professionals who frequently entertain – longed for a bright, chic, functional kitchen with bold splashes of red to reflect the accent that features throughout the rest of their home.

To maximise space, productivity, and ease of use between activity zones, innovative and inspired design was required. Deep drawers have been used in lieu of cupboards, boosting storage by a third. Inner drawers were also used, which further enhance space, ensure the continuity of drawer splits and maintain minimal lines.

Appliances were meticulously selected as they needed to both reflect the sleek, contemporary look of the new kitchen and also maximise the available space. A range of integrated and concealed appliances by Miele and Liebherr were chosen and cleverly incorporated – even the microwave is concealed in the pull-out pantry.



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To maintain the streamlined finish requested by the owners, shadow line finger-pull handles were used, which create a flush finish along the surface of the cabinets and ensure nothing protrudes into the work areas.

A mix of task, mood and natural lighting was strategically selected and positioned in the kitchen, including in the ceiling and cabinetry, which illuminates the benchtops and provides functional light where it is needed. LED strip lighting recessed under the cabinets provides an atmospheric glow.

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. These include the Kitchen and Bathroom Designers Institute's (KBDi) National Certified Designer of the Year, which was awarded to Darren James in 2010, and in 2011, HIA's Gold Coast / Northern Rivers Best Kitchen Project Up To \$50,000, Kitchen Project of the Year and Kitchen Design of the Year for a stunning kitchen renovation on the Gold Coast as well as HIA's Queensland Bathroom Design of the Year.