



FEELS LIKE HOME

Perfect for entertaining, this beautiful kitchen is a warm and welcoming space

Colours were carefully selected to match the existing timber furniture in the adjoining areas of the home.

and the use of materials and textures was important to create the warmth and homely feel the client highly desired. The kitchen also needed to function as a cooking/preparation and entertaining space where the owner could enjoy playing host to her guests."

And the new space is just what the client wanted. Combining practicality and an inviting atmosphere, it's the perfect place for her to indulge her passion for entertaining. A pull-out trolley bench on castors has many uses – it can be used for cooking and then easily moved for entertaining indoors or outside. Open shelves are on hand to house collectables as well as

frequently used consumables, while textured tiles soften the high gloss and create an aesthetically balanced space.

For the owner, this kitchen really does feel like home. **KBQ**

Designer details

The kitchen was designed and built by **Interiors by Darren James**

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The original kitchen in this home simply did not cater for the owner's cooking needs or her love of entertaining. The boxed U-shape kitchen was small, did not promote easy workflow or make use of the available space and adjoining living room.

"The owner enjoys cooking and entertaining but the kitchen itself dulled the cooking experience," says Darren James, who was called in to design the new kitchen. "She desperately wanted a kitchen that she could use and use a lot. She loves cooking and entertaining and wanted a homely space that she could enjoy working in."

"Central to the brief were specific areas to cater for a large number of books that she wanted to display, as well as areas where

she could enjoy her much-loved collectables handed down by her mother."

While the owner was confident leaving the colour selection up to Darren, she did request that he was sympathetic to the existing timber furniture in the adjoining spaces. "Starting with the timber-grain laminate, we built on the colour palette and use of textures. Painted glass doors in Castrol from Porter's Paints brings a pop of colour to the space without being too strong and overpowering," Darren explains.

To take full advantage of the available space, Darren decided to create a single galley-style kitchen with a small U-shaped return. "The idea was to create a furniture-incorporated kitchen," Darren says. "We had to ensure we created balance around the existing windows





KEY ATTRIBUTES

- **Cabinetry** Painted glass in Castrol from Porter's Paints (feature overhead doors), painted high-gloss lacquer Half Perfect Taupe by Resene, open shelves and pull-out trolley benchtop in Abet laminate 633 Grainwood
- **Internal hardware** Blum
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone Shitake
- **Handles** Finline Access from Laminex to feature overhead doors, stainless-steel slimline handles from Wilson & Bradley to base units
- **Splashback** Tiled honed marble in Turco Argento from CDK
- **Kickboards** Colour matched
- **Lighting** LED downlights, LED cabinet lights under overheads

APPLIANCES

- **Oven** Falcon
- **Cooktop/hotplate** Falcon
- **Rangehood/canopy** Qasair
- **Dishwasher** Existing
- **Refrigerator** Existing
- **Sink** Oliveri
- **Taps** Franke

EXPERT TIP

Textured tiles soften the high-gloss cabinetry and add balance to the space.

