

DESIGN FILE

HIDDEN DEPTHS

Classic detailing and contemporary flair combine beautifully in this dramatic Sydney kitchen.

✦ The island bench has open shelving at both ends, facing the dining table. On the galley side, the bench accommodates two fully integrated dishwashers, an under-sink bin, under-counter hot/cold water unit and a bank of drawers.

✦ Hidden behind the joinery is a fully integrated fridge/freezer, as well as a spacious pantry configured to maximise storage and avoid the typical 'dead space' created in a corner where two full-depth cupboards meet.

✦ Dark cabinetry is balanced by warm splashes of timber veneer in the island bench shelving, while patinated bronze mesh on upward-opening cabinet doors adds texture.

✦ At 1.19 x 2.8m, the island bench is luxuriously long. A pedestal-style base minimises its bulk.

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THE NEW classic

The vision

Timeless, contemporary and practical: these were the criteria for the owners of this new home when it came to their 5.533m kitchen, which is centrally located and connected to the living and dining zones. They envisaged a light-filled and good-looking room where they could cook while chatting with their children or guests, all enabled by a smooth-running, practical layout.

The design solution

To achieve a timeless/contemporary look, interior architect Alexandra Donohoe of Decus Interiors used panelled cabinetry – a traditional form of detailing – combined with marble benchtops, concrete flooring and a bold, dark colour for a decidedly contemporary result.

Ideas at work

The L-shaped layout means the cook can be at work in the kitchen while enjoying interactions with family members or guests seated in the dining and living areas.

A large skylight runs the length of the kitchen providing ample natural light by day, while recessed LED lighting illuminates the skylight shaft by night.

Placing the fridge/freezer and pantry at one end of the space means people can access those amenities without impacting on the cook.

The colour palette is intentionally dramatic, to balance the abundance of natural light entering via the skylight and through glass doors opposite the kitchen. ➤

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Appliances

- ✦ Miele oven
- ✦ Miele cooktop
- ✦ Liebherr refrigerator