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# KITCHENS

*The essential guide to creating your dream kitchen*

50 of the  
**BEST**  
*Australian*  
**KITCHENS**

**CELEBRITY  
CHEFS**

Reveal their top  
tips for creating  
the perfect space

+ Cabinetry + Sinks & taps  
+ Benchtops + Splashbacks + Trends  
+ Design ideas + Appliances + Floor plans



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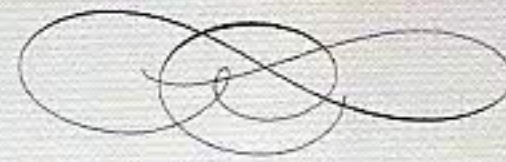
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# COLOUR INJECTION

A GLOSSY PALETTE BLENDS WITH RAW CONCRETE TO CONVERT THIS KITCHEN INTO AN INSPIRATIONAL SPACE

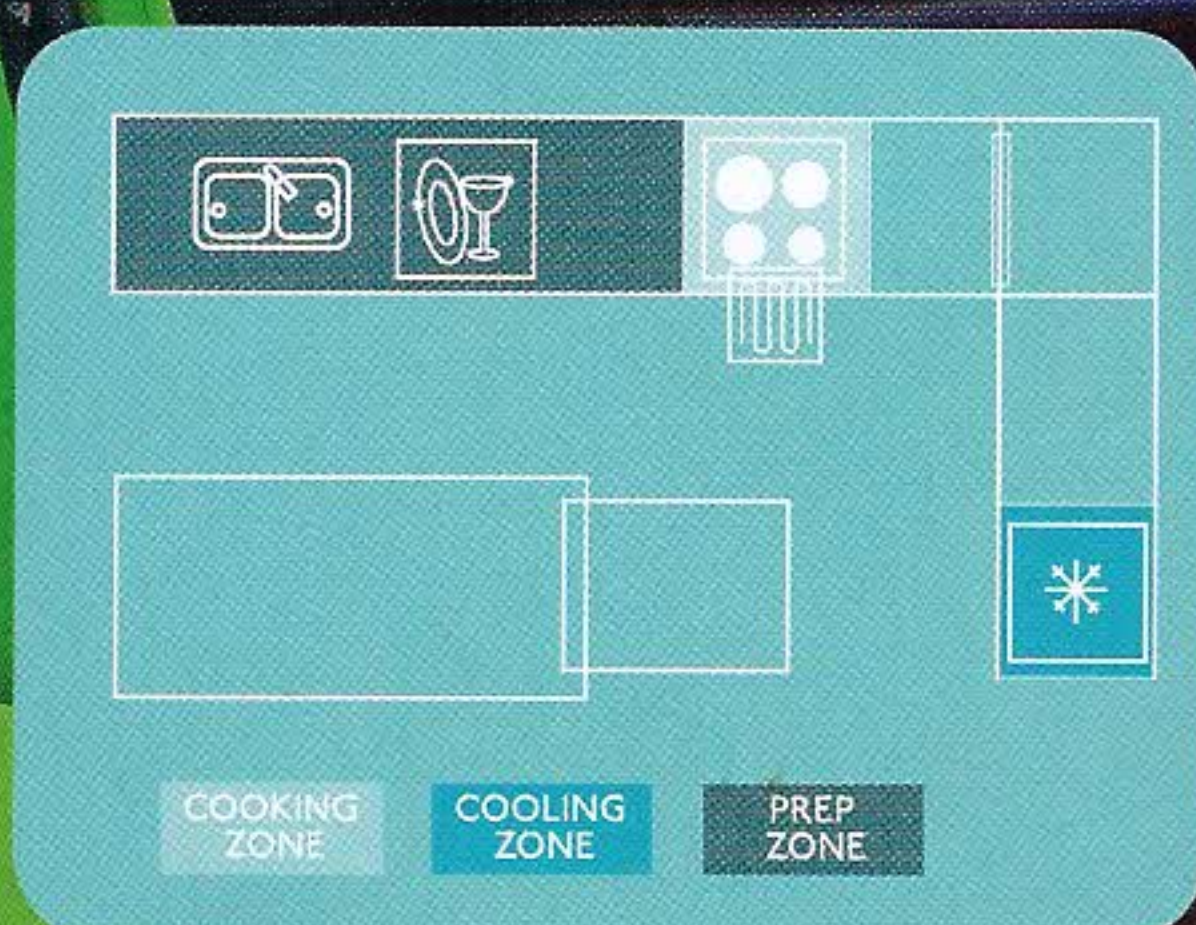
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## Scarlet fever

The rich red of this overhead cabinetry was colour mixed by the owner and matched and sprayed by the cabinetmakers to give it its unique hue. The 2-pac polyurethane has a gloss finish highlighted by the downlights so that, despite being a strong tone, it isn't too heavy. The toughened blue glass splashback and smart grey drawers all tie in with the concrete flooring and benchtop to pull the whole look together.







## 2 Floor show

Island benches can sometimes dominate a small space – one way to avoid this is with a cantilever design that exposes the floor. These cabinets extend beyond the concrete benchtop to give the geometric unit less of an abrupt solid edge and to juxtapose the weight of the polished concrete with the lightness of the polyurethane. The real winner in this kitchen is the sheer chunkiness of the concrete, which was poured on site and left to cure for 28 days. If you're contemplating such a daring design, it's important to consult a structural engineer.

## 3 Streamline

Handle-free cupboards and drawers suit the sleek contemporary feel of this kitchen, further enhanced with a stainless-steel benchtop along the back wall which provides a hard-wearing countertop for the preparation and cooking zone. A stainless-steel surface is also positioned on top of the set of drawers, between the fridge and pantry, to link the two areas. A generous appliance cupboard for the toaster, kettle and sandwich-maker is discreetly positioned behind a roller door at the end of the bench, while the floor-to-ceiling pantry is concealed behind a slick white door.

## 4 Space saving

Make the layout work harder in a smaller kitchen to maximise storage. Drawers were chosen for the base cabinets throughout this room for ease of use, while their clever soft-closing systems mean that even the most fragile glassware will never be at risk.



## DESIGN FILE

Expect to pay: \$35,000.

Appliances: Oven, dishwasher and rangehood, all Miele. Iridium fridge/freezer, Fisher & Paykel.

Benchtops: Concrete and stainless steel.

Cabinetry: 2-pac polyurethane cupboards and drawers.

Flooring: Polished concrete, Mardini Constructions.

Sink: Integrated into the stainless-steel benchtop.

Tapware: Fantini 'Navy' mixer, Rogerseller.

Splashback: Colour-backed glass.

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