

[SIMPLY LOVELY]

White with black accents produces a timeless effect.

THE BRIEF

At the first meeting to discuss their new kitchen with interior designer Mikayla Rose of Heartly, the owners of this renovated Melbourne home produced a scrapbook in which they'd compiled their favourite looks. "We were chuffed to see they had collected many images of our work," says Mikayla. With a declared love of clean lines and a timeless palette, the owners' accompanying instructions to Mikayla were "do whatever you think works".

✚ The wall of Elba marble is a central showpiece. "Luckily, there was no need for overhead storage here, allowing the stone to create a stunning textural backdrop for the whole open-plan space."

Key details **Total cost:** About \$29,000 (excluding appliances). **White joinery:** 2-pac polyurethane in Dulux Natural White. **Tall grey cabinetry:** Custom V-groove painted Dulux Silkworth, satin finish. **Splashback:** Elba marble from CDK Stone. **Benchtops:** Caesarstone Pure White, from \$950/m² (installed). **Rangehood cladding:** Cellupal in Aska, George Fethers & Co. Franke 'Kubus' KBG110-34 sink in Fraganite Onyx, \$909, Reece. Vivid Slimline sink mixer with side lever in Matt Black, \$383, Phoenix Tapware. Ici pendant light in Smoke, from \$2000, Articolo Lighting. Crop American oak stools with aluminium seats, \$495 each, Relm Furniture. **Appliances:** Fridge, Fisher & Paykel. Oven, cooktop and dishwasher, V-Zug.

THE DESIGN APPROACH

To achieve a timeless palette, Mikayla always turns to white. "White, paired with other neutral colours and a variation in materials – oak, concrete, stone, steel and glass – creates a calming atmosphere," she says. The eye-catching counterpoint here is the rangehood, which is clad in black timber laminate. "The shape and placement of the rangehood is critical," says Mikayla. "It appears to float on the wall and is deliberately offset to create interest and balance out other elements in the room." Honed Elba marble and pale grey V-groove joinery add texture. ▶

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✚ The V-groove detail in the 3m-high grey cupboards (painted Dulux Silkworth) is shallow and discreet. "A deep V-groove is likely to date. This shallow groove is more elegant and adds texture to the balance of materials," says Mikayla.

Photography by Jack Lovel.

✚ Mikayla designed the 1x3m island bench with fine matt-black steel legs and thin benchtops (Caesarstone Pure White, 20mm thick) to achieve the desired pared-back aesthetic.