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WARM WELCOME

The owners of this kitchen wanted to create an inviting, budget-friendly social hub.

The project

Homeowners Danielle and Ralph had a simple, contemporary kitchen in mind for their new nest on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula. They turned to Mikayla Rose of Heartly to produce a light-filled, playful, budget-savvy design that was geared for social gatherings, with an easy connection to the rear deck.

The solution

Mikayla introduced timber detailing and V-groove panelling in soft grey and to bring texture and visual warmth to the scheme. To play up the 5x2.8m kitchen's role as a social space, she designed a generous 3x1.1m island bench that has storage at one end and a meals area at the other. When the back doors are open, the island becomes a servery for outdoor entertaining. ➤

At 2490mm high, the cabinetry houses an integrated fridge/freezer and a pantry, plus an appliance nook with power points.

The grey joinery is MDF with a very subtle, customised V-groove detail, painted in Dulux Silkwork. "Most standard board products have very deep grooves, which can look very 'country' and quickly date," says Mikayla. "This shallow groove is more sophisticated."

✚ This generous island bench accommodates a series of four 500x830mm under-bench cupboards with push-open doors.

PROJECT COST
\$30,000
APPROX.

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THE DETAILS

Under-bench joinery Polytec Legato in Crisp White.

Overhead cabinetry MDF substrate with American white oak veneer.

Tall cabinetry MDF with custom routing, painted Dulux Silkworth.

Handles 'Curved Half Moon' Victorian ash (tall cabinetry), 140mm diameter, \$25 each, Auburn Woodturning.

300mm 'Ledge' pulls, Castella.

Benchtops Caesarstone Pure White, 20mm thick, \$650/m² (installed).

Splashback 'White Brick Bond' tiles in Matt, 300x300mm, \$46/m², Signorino.

Cost of cabinetry and benchtops About \$23,000.

Pendant light Muuto 'Ambit', \$295 (small), Surrounding.

Stools 'Seb' stools with upholstered seats, from \$815 each, Jarlan.

THE APPLIANCES

Integrated fridge/freezer

Fisher & Paykel.

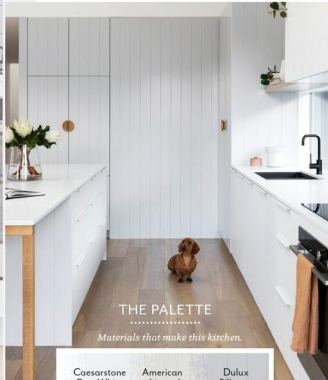
Stove and oven Fisher & Paykel.

Dishwasher Bosch Home Appliances.

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Measuring 1x1m, the 'table' section of the island bench is the perfect perch for the couple's daughter Ruby, eight, and when guests gather. The table's legs are solid American white oak. At 1100mm, the distance between island and workbench is ample, as shown by dachshund Monty.

✦ The overhead cupboards are finished in American white oak veneer, with a visible woodgrain. The white cupboards below the bench are Polytec Legato in Crisp White.



THE PALETTE

Materials that make this kitchen.

Caesarstone
Pure White

American
white oak
veneer

Dulux
Silkworth
paint