



Revival story

A mix of recycled and refined materials produces a room of understated elegance.

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Melbourne couple Cathy and Fraser wanted to move their kitchen – literally and figuratively – out of the 1980s. Tucked into a small space at the rear of their heritage residence, the kitchen was both cramped and outdated. Cathy and Fraser’s brief to the interior-design team at Heartly was for a “light and bright” open-plan kitchen/living/dining area with an island bench and plenty of storage. Removing internal walls opened up the space, allowing for the creation of a 6.3x3.7-metre kitchen (including pantry) that is oriented along the back wall to maximise flow and natural light. “Parallel benches made the most sense given the narrow footprint,” says Mikayla Rose, director of Heartly. The 2.9x0.9-metre island is a powerhouse, featuring 12 drawers and seating for four. The brick rear wall of the home backs onto a bluestone laneway and couldn’t be altered, so the designers celebrated its texture by making it a feature wall. An ethereal palette of white, grey and natural oak is punctuated by black accents. “The texture of the brick and the layering of contrasting materials creates warmth and interest within the monochromatic palette,” says Mikayla. “Mixing the original rustic surface with the refined elegance of marble is unexpected but beautiful.”

Heartly; www.heartly.com.au.



KITCHEN *design notes*

JOINERY & ISLAND

MDF, finished in two-pack polyurethane in Dulux Vivid White. Island supports are solid American oak.

FLOATING SHELF

Classic Oak woodgrain laminate in Nuance, from \$99.77/m², Laminex.

BENCHTOPS Silestone Blanco Zeus Extreme White with suede finish, POA, Cosentino.

SPLASHBACK

White Carrarra marble, \$324/m² for 20mm-thick slab (supply only), The Marble House.

RANGEHOOD

CLADDING MDF with two-pack polyurethane finish in Dulux Satin Black.

TAP Vivid Slimline squareline mixer in Matt Black, \$386.65, Phoenix Tapware.

SINK Franke ‘Kubus’ undermount sinks in Onyx.

FLOORING Architect Collection engineered-timber floorboards in White Smoked European Oak, from \$85/m², Royal Oak Floors.

FURNITURE &Tradition ‘Raft’ bar stools.

APPLIANCES Oven, induction cooktop, dishwasher and rangehood, all Electrolux. Fridge, LG.

WALLS Dulux Vivid White.

COLLABORATORS

ACS Builders (construction). Grandview Kitchens (joinery).

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