



# Warm and inviting

More like designer furniture than a kitchen



When the owner of this kitchen took possession of a 10-year-old unit, he was confronted by an ugly U-shaped workspace with cabinets to the ceiling on all sides. From the outset, he was determined to transform the room into something that not only looked more attractive but was better suited to his lifestyle.

The first step was a new design to open the kitchen workspace and efficiently integrate the area with the nearby living room. That's where A-Plan Kitchens played its part. Senior designer Sue Terley created a new L-shaped design with an attached island bench. To minimise the intrusion

THE MOODY TONES OF THE KITCHEN WORK PERFECTLY WITH THE SMARTSTONE BENCHTOP AND ALUMINIUM KICKBOARDS.

of the kitchen into the apartment, the fridge, dishwasher and microwave were fully integrated and warm, matching colours were chosen for the cupboard doors, benchtop and splashback. The result looks more like a space for functional, designer furniture than a traditional kitchen.

The old, ugly, cramped kitchen has been replaced by a stunning, spacious, open-plan design with all appliances, crockery, pantry and

other kitchen items neatly stored behind a row of underbench, wall or floor-to-ceiling cupboards.

As a qualified tradesman, the owner was happy to take on the task of installation and his perfectionist streak ensured a beautiful job. Being an electrician, he added some unique features such as drop-down powerpoints and LED downlights under the wall cabinets, which change the mood of the room at night.



The finished kitchen shows what a competent owner with a clear vision and a skilled designer can do. It's not white like so many others, so

it doesn't shout kitchen. Instead, it makes a statement that is quiet, warm and inviting. And isn't that nice for a change?

## Fact file

The kitchen was designed by Sue Terley and built by **A-PLAN KITCHENS** 208 Parramatta Road, Camperdown NSW 2050 **Phone** (02) 9516 3611 **Email** enquiries@aplan.com.au **Website** www.aplan.com.au **Doors** Laminex Espresso Ligna **Handles** Owner supplied **Benchtop** SmartStone Pinda 40mm **Splashback** Matching glass to benchtop **Kickboards** Brushed aluminium laminate **Lighting** Client's own LED strip lighting **Appliances** include a Miele oven, dishwasher and rangehood, Abey Barazza cooktop and sink and a Fisher & Paykel fridge **Cost**, approximately, for design and manufacture of cabinets and benchtop fabrication, \$15,000 **Allison Johnston Photography**