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STYLISH SIMPLICITY

Seamless integration and understated style earn this kitchen the owners' tick of approval

A lot of the time, you don't need to do anything remarkably unique or outlandish to make a kitchen stand out from the crowd, often it's the simplest designs that work best.

This basic design principle is demonstrated in this creation from Attard's Kitchens. "The previous kitchen in this home was small and poky," says designer Michael Attard. "It was the original kitchen in this Californian bungalow."

The homeowners had a number of design requests for their new space, but top of the list was that their kitchen be simple and look good. With a minimalist appearance and an intelligent layout, the kitchen would combine effortless good looks with the practicality of a commercial kitchen.

Other items on the wish list included a large island bench that people could sit at, plenty of drawers for storage without giving the appearance of an overabundance of drawers, and a variety of finishes. "They wanted a kitchen that functioned like a commercial one but it also needed to look like a piece of furniture," Michael explains.

The island bench is the centrepiece, offering room for food preparation as well as seating for casual dining. The dark tones of the benchtop contrast nicely with the cabinetry.

The list of appliances is enough to make any keen cook jealous, and all appliances are integrated into the space to create a smoother look. A variety of finishes, such as the Evener feature doors, serve to create some simple yet effective points of difference.

Another feature of the area is the clever use of internal hardware, with inclusions such as a slide-out tidy bin, sink caddy and open chopping board cabinet, making the most of the available space.

"The integration of appliances, the blend of finishes and the seamless design all create a timeless piece," Michael says. **KBQ**

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The island bench is large enough to be a hugely practical feature without dominating the space.

KEY ATTRIBUTES

- **Doors** Polyurethane doors, Evener feature doors with Laminex Licorice Linea carcass
- **Mouldings** Polyurethane shadowline
- **Internal hardware** Slide-out tidy bin, sink caddy, internal drawers, tea towel rail, open chopping board cabinet
- **Handles** Stainless-steel square slim Dee
- **Benchtop** Stainless steel with integrated bowls, recessed wet edge and brushed finish, made from Nero Assoluto
- **Splashback** Colourback glass
- **Kickboards** Stainless steel
- **Oven** De Dietrich
- **Cooktop** De Dietrich induction
- **Dishwasher** Blanco integrated
- **Refrigerator** Liebherr integrated
- **Taps** Astro Walker mixer

