

PROJECT 1: Modern makeover

MAKE A STATEMENT

The existing oversized Qasair Diplomat rangehood was lost in the previous kitchen. It has more impact now that a rectangular island bench has been positioned beneath it. In shiny stainless steel, its strong geometric form draws the eye to the island work zone.

ALL IN ONE

The island bench, in Evener Euro Sable veneer, was customised to include an lve freestanding oven and integrated cooktop, a Transtherm Studio wine fridge and drawers for storage.

WONDER WALL

The cabinetry, with hidden handles, is painted half-strength Dulux Stowe White and hides a fridge-freezer, coffee-making station, pantry and appliances.

IN THE FRAME

Positioning the Abey Quadrato sinks and Gessi Just chrome mixer, also from Abey, by the window, makes a feature of the teak windowframe.



BEFORE
An outdated, '80s kitchen.

Budget

Tiling	
(mosaic border)	\$1800
Lighting	\$2500
Tapware and sinks	\$4000
White goods	\$25,000
Joinery	\$65,000
Stonework	\$10,000
Total	\$108,300
<small>(all prices approximate and excluding labour)</small>	

The brief

The home's original kitchen was outdated and laid out in a way that didn't work well for its Gold Coast-based owners and their children. They asked the interior designers for a modern, streamlined kitchen that had plenty of storage and could be used for a variety of activities – from enjoying a glass of wine after a busy day at work to preparing meals and entertaining.

The verdict

"The kitchen and dining room is now a harmonious, light-filled space that we love to entertain in," says the homeowner. >



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"Because we weren't changing the floor tiles, we needed to follow the kitchen's existing footprint as much as possible," says Steven Stewart (left).

"A mosaic tile border was created to make sense of the new island bench position. We wanted the island to be the room's main focus."

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