

Natural colour

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The designer was given the brief to provide a functional and social kitchen with an easy-flowing relationship between indoor and outdoor living spaces. In particular, the clients loved the idea of timber and plywood joinery with open shelving units as a point of interest.

Aesthetically, the design of the kitchen is in tune with the material-rich but unpretentious theme of the house in which plywood and bright pops of colour are used throughout.

To enable the kitchen to function at the height of efficiency, the island was conceived as an oversized stainless-steel table with cabinetry recessed underneath. This space has become the social hub of the house and it's easy to see why.

All elements in the kitchen have been carefully considered to ensure the end result was visually balanced while still being easy to use. The fridge has been integrated behind a matching plywood panel so as not to disturb the visual run of cabinets, while open shelves and round finger-pull handles, routed within the cabinetry, add character and detail to the space.

The mix of materials gives the kitchen an eclectic feel, the coolness of the stainless-steel benchtop contrasting beautifully with the warmth of the surrounding Gaboon plywood. The bright, friendly colours — in Resene Monza, Chilean Fire and Supernova — give the kitchen a playful air and a sense of fun.

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