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## TRÈS MODERNE

THIS INVITING PROVENÇAL-INFLUENCED KITCHEN PROVES THAT GOOD THINGS REALLY DO COME IN PETITE PACKAGES

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### INSIDER TIP

An expanse of bright white cabinetry and benchtops does wonders to visually enlarge a smaller kitchen. “To create more light in a space, use white as a base colour,” says interior designer Jasmine McClelland. “Then, implement different finishes that create interest and give the space personality.”

### induction cooktop

Having never used an induction cooktop before, homeowner Deanne concedes she was initially a little reluctant to take the plunge in her new kitchen, but she's now a convert to her Siemens iQ300. “I absolutely love it because the heat is very easy to control and it's also so easy to clean,” she says.

### ovens

Deanne chose two 60cm-wide V-Zug wall ovens: a Combiir SEP (top) and a Combi-Steam XSL. “The steam oven does all sorts of wonderful things!” she says.

### splashback

Jasmine used ‘Astrid’ hexagonal porcelain tiles in Grigio from Perini for the splashback, and extended them across the wall next to the island bench for a seamless look. “We were trying to give the kitchen a modern French provincial spin,” says interior designer Jasmine. “This tile brings in the grey as well as texture and pattern.”



### benchtops

Jasmine selected low-maintenance Caesarstone in Calacatta Nuvo for the benchtops. “It has the appearance and pattern of marble, without any of the pitfalls,” she says. >

HOMEOWNER DEANNE can't help but smile when she walks into the beautiful kitchen in the inner-Melbourne home she shares with her husband, Colin. Bathed in light and infused with a remarkably spacious feel that belies its relatively compact 16 square metres, the elegant cooking and dining zone features a timeless French provincial-inspired palette of crisp white and pale grey, not to mention plentiful bench space and myriad concealed storage options that keep clutter well and truly at bay. Most of all, however, the new space couldn't be further removed from its flamboyant '70s predecessor: a vision of lime and orange patterned tiles that covered the floor, kickboards and splashbacks, beige laminate benchtops and an array of outdated appliances that had certainly put in the hard yards. “The original kitchen is burnt into my memory,” says Deanne. “After buying the home a few years ago, we kept the kitchen exactly as it was for about a year while we decided what we were going to do.” Enlisting the expertise of interior designer Jasmine McClelland, Deanne and Colin decided to replace the floor tiles using stylish Mafi engineered oak floorboards with a brushed white oil finish, and to give the entire kitchen a full overhaul. “The kitchen was ready to be brought into the new millennium,” says Jasmine. “There was a real need for better storage, deeper benchtops and separate appliances.” Now ever-sunny, thanks to a newly installed skylight, the luminous kitchen with its sumptuous marble-look stone benchtops, textured hexagonal grey splashback tiles and statement copper barstools is certainly the place to be. “It's just so radically different to what used to be here,” says Deanne, “and in the best possible way!”





## INSIDER TIP

When space is at a premium, minimising benchtop clutter is important. Compartmentalised cupboards, such as one for chopping boards and an always-functional appliance cupboard (below), ensure bigger items are easy to access from behind closed doors. “Cutting boards are used a few times a day, so that’s why I have them easily stacked and ready for use without being seen,” explains interior designer Jasmine.

## cabinetry

Jasmine specified a combination of 2-pac cupboards and Blum soft-closing drawers, as well as feature overhead V-groove panel doors, all in Dulux Natural White. “Everything has a spot and it’s no trouble to clean and put everything away after entertaining,” says homeowner Deanne. “In no time, the kitchen is spotless again.”



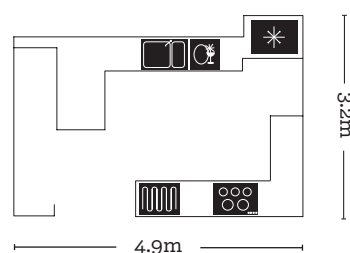
“FROM A DESIGN POINT OF VIEW, AN *induction* COOKTOP GIVES A *clean line*” JASMINE McCLELLAND, INTERIOR DESIGNER

## bar stools

Gorgeous copper-coated ‘The Flynn’ bar stools with quilted felt seats from Quazi Design have become a crowd-pleaser. “They work really well with the look of the kitchen and are also very comfortable,” says Deanne.



## LAYOUT



INTERIOR DESIGNER: *Jasmine McClelland, Jasmine McClelland Design, [jasminemcclellanddesign.com.au](http://jasminemcclellanddesign.com.au).*

JOINERY: *Contour Cabinets, 1300 886 382, [contourcabinets.com.au](http://contourcabinets.com.au). Stockists, page 204*

## BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Cabinetry .....	\$32,000
Appliances .....	\$22,900
Sink & tapware .....	\$2750
Benchtops .....	\$8500
Tiles .....	\$2400
Bar stools .....	\$1500

**TOTAL \$70,050\***

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