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STEP INTO THE FUTURE

design Louise Hill (Mastercraft Kitchens Whangamata) & Badco
build Mastercraft Kitchens Whangamata

Looking to the future, this coastal-cool new build was designed with the owners impending retirement in mind. Comfort, ease-of-use and accessibility were priorities, as was the creation of multi-generational living spaces.

As this was to be a home that would routinely welcome family and friends, an open-plan kitchen was called for – one that would provide for an inch dining and forge a seamless link with the adjacent living spaces. Only quality materials would do and it was imperative there be continuity of finishes throughout.

Mastercraft Kitchens Whangamata was entrusted with designing and building the kitchen and scullery, the outdoor barbecue station and kitchenette, the bathroom vanities, and the television unit.

The kitchen's back wall joinery features Vistafit glass prefinished timber veneer, Shiitonoki Ivory Oak, the pale hues enthusing the space with visual warmth. This is contrasted by the ebony-toned Raimi Oak joinery that runs along the side wall.

DESIGN RESPONSE

objective
To create future-proofed spaces that would be practical, easy-to-use and visually cohesive.

solution
A space-maximising design, clever storage, roboticare, the careful placement of appliances and continuity of finishes ensures flow, tonality and flow.

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The scullery has a somewhat cooler vibe, boasting Bestwood melamine Moss Grey cabinetry. This is warmed with the integration of solid oak shelving.

Caesarstone Cloudburst Concrete, a durable surface with a creamy base and subtle swirls of white, was the material of choice for the benchtops, splashbacks and island's waterfall end.

The use of Ivory Oak for the bathroom vanities adds to the sense of cohesion, as does the repeated use of 32mm handles and panel details in the kitchen and bathroom joinery. This dedication to visual continuity extends to the outdoor kitchenette which features Raven Oak.

No effort was spared to fully maximise the space, which included measuring every kitchen item – from soup packets to containers – to enable the creation of custom-designed storage solutions. Similarly, careful consideration was given to the placement of every appliance with the washer and dryer skilfully inconspicuously positioned.

The overall goal was to craft aesthetically-pleasing, supremely functional, future-proofed spaces. To achieve this, Mastercraft Kitchens Whangamata worked closely with local interior design studio Badco and Beach House Builders.

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> *The goal was to give the kitchen a West Coast lake vibe that would put everyone at ease.*

ample storage given the space is rather small. And there was one more special consideration – as the property is rented out at various times of the year, choosing materials that would be durable and easy-care was a top priority.

The use of Dekton Trilium from Cosentino for the benchtops ticks the box for practicality. Dekton can take pretty much anything you can dish out, including intensive resistance to heat, staining and scratching. What's more, Trilium, with its volcanic stone-inspired patterning and medley of intense browns, greys and black, proved the ideal choice aesthetically, as it adds an earthy charm to the kitchen that conjures thoughts of the nearby lake.

Ticking the box for abundant, well-ordered storage, pretty much every possible drawer accessory from Blum NZ was included. Now there is a logical and convenient place for every kitchen item, ensuring everything is kept tidy and within easy reach.

To create a space for chatting with the cook or enjoying a casual meal, an island was introduced. Guests can now grab a stool, relax and enjoy good food and good company.

A glass splashback, featuring a photo of Lake Kaniere taken by a family friend, adds a final, personal touch. In fact the reinvented kitchen is a highly personalised space that doesn't just make the owners feel at home, it delights paying guests, too.

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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photography jamie cobel

Dated and impractical, the original kitchen was in dire need of a revamp – and there was much that needed overlooking. The dishwasher was inconveniently placed in the pantry, the storage was woefully inadequate and the overall feel was not in keeping with the property's status as a holiday home.

Located just a short stroll away from Lake Kaniere, the home is a magnet for family and friends, so the goal was to give the kitchen a West Coast lake vibe that would put everyone at ease. Creating a space that felt warm and inviting, and where guests could gather while meals were being prepared, was essential.

Of course, all the modern conveniences were required, as was

DESIGN RESPONSE

objective
The aim was to update the kitchen, enhancing its durability, functionality and aesthetic appeal.

solution
This holiday home kitchen now ticks all the boxes with its hard-wearing surfaces, simple storage, and an island that's made for casual entertaining.



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CONTEMPORARY LUXE

design tracy clearwater (mastercraft kitchens southland) by nigel molloy joinery
build mastercraft kitchens southland by nigel molloy joinery
photography jamie cobel

The home's original U-shaped kitchen was perfectly fine, but no longer suited to family life and entertaining. The homeowners requested a wow-factor kitchen that better suited their lifestyle – and the design and build team certainly delivered.

The updated kitchen is sleek and contemporary, with functionality as far as the eye can see. The hero benchtop with a waterfall edge is a true masterpiece. The stone-effect Pietra di Savoia Perla Boccardata recalls soft, natural textures while oozing luxury. The island features seating space, so can double as a dining table when guests are over for casual meals. The Acero Aurora brass sink and a fwll contrasts the porcelain surfaces and warm white island doors and drawer fronts beautifully.

Just behind the island, the porcelain surface once again appears on the rangehood box and splashback, creating effortless cohesion. The Bestwood Classic Walnut timberland finish on the back wall's cabinetry doors and drawer fronts maintains the theme of natural-look surfaces yet injects an element of warmth. The textures and colour palette work together beautifully to exude contemporary luxe – just as the homeowners wanted.

The kitchen is as functional as it is aesthetically pleasing. High-quality appliances help the homeowners cook with ease, and there is plenty of storage for pantry items, cutlery, crockery and small appliances. There's lots of bench space for food prep, and plenty of space for the family to cook together.

A true marriage of functionality and aesthetic appeal, this kitchen will no doubt be cherished for years to come.

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DESIGN RESPONSE

objective
A classy and trendy kitchen that combines old and new

solution
Natural tones accented with brass, plenty of seating space, and high-quality appliances



HEART OF THE HOME

design victoria bruckers & liam scott (mastercraft kitchens wellington)
build mastercraft kitchens wellington
photography jamie cobel

The homeowners were after an eye-catching, highly functional kitchen to replace their previous remodelled space. While they were originally leaning towards white cabinetry with a black benchtop, a chat with the design team changed their mind – they ultimately settled on a unique design, complete with high-quality materials and fittings.

To maximise the functionality factor they needed a larger kitchen space, so they extended it at the rear to the old dining room during the reno. This made room for a breakfast bar and seating area for casual meals and family time, an art space for the kids, and seamless indoor-outdoor flow to the deck through the sliding window.

The team prioritised benchtop space, working around the pre-purchased appliances, especially the 900mm freestanding oven. The rooms large windows had to be maintained, but careful planning was needed to ensure the oven and cabinetry lined up and fitted seamlessly around them. Tall cabinetry was placed either side of the window, providing much-needed storage space. The black cabinetry contrasted with the Caesarstone Sleek Concrete benchtops beautifully, with handleless details keeping the kitchen sleek and uncluttered.

One of the main perks of extending the space was to house a larger laundry. The team used the same materials and finishes as in the kitchen to ensure cohesion. There's plenty of storage space for laundry items, bench space for folding, and sliding doors to keep the room closed off from the main kitchen area.

This design has brought to life a true family space, tailored for precious time spent together.

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DESIGN RESPONSE

objective
A bold yet functional kitchen with more bench space

solution
An eye-catching colour palette, plenty of bench and seating space, and a family-sized laundry room with a sliding door

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THE LUXE LIFE

design tracy clearwater (mastercraft kitchens southland)
build mastercraft kitchens southland
photography jamie cobel

Peppered with gorgeous metallic accents and infused with subtle Indonesian design flourishes, this luxurious white entertainer's kitchen has an undeniably high-end look.

Already the social hub of a newly-built home in Central Otago, this exquisite space proves a white kitchen need not be stark, infact, quite the opposite is the case thanks to the carefully chosen surfaces, thoughtful use of textures and patterning, and sophisticated brushed brass elements.

The flawless back-wall joinery in Surfaces Endurance Pure Grain finish, with its brushed brass handles that mirror the Chatford woven brass-wire panels of the upper cabinets. Floating open shelves fashioned from reclaimed timber trace their way across the splashback with matching timber bands embracing the rangehood and morphing around one corner into additional shelving.

The white glass tiles of the splashback, laid in a herringbone pattern that echoes the angles of the pitched ceiling, is complemented by two strips of square-edge, marble-look Tri-Stone Milk Grotto acrylic. An Aurora undermounted trough sink and matching tapware adds a splash of visual warmth.

Both the back-wall and inside-wall joinery perfectly complement the island which showcases an innovative blocked-end material manufactured in the Mastercraft Kitchens factory. The side wall joinery abounds with clever storage solutions, including a two-tier spice drawer and a bar equipped with a sink that's hidden behind bifold doors. You'll also find an in-built nook that can be used as a work-from-home space.

The steep pitch of the roof and the predominately white colour palette ensure the kitchen feels airy while the skylight and large sliding glass doors welcome in natural light, creating a bright, inviting environment.

Designed for entertaining, this luxe kitchen caters for small or large groups just as easily as it can accommodate the hurly burly of everyday family life. What more could you ask?

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DESIGN RESPONSE

objective
To design an elegant ... would accommodate ...

solution
Classic storage, includ... within a thoughtful la... stunning island ... happily go for ...



DESIGN RESPONSE

objective
To deliver an efficient kitchen with a streamlined look and a soothing ambience

solution
The use of a neutral palette in a shade of grey creates cohesion, while eschewing visual distractions, such as cabinet handles, helps to create the sleek look the owners wanted



> *Bordering on minimalist, the design is decidedly modern but never aloof*

VISUAL SIMPLICITY

design amber-r-a downie (mastercraft kitchens kapiti)
build mastercraft kitchens kapiti
photography jamie cobel

Clean-lined and uncluttered, this striking kitchen cuts a commanding figure. Bordering on minimalist, the design is decidedly modern but never aloof. This is a space that's been designed to be enjoyed, whether it's breakfast with the family or chatting with friends.

The owners of this new build in coastal Waikanae sought a simple design for their open-plan white, so the designer opted for a palette of varied greys for the floor, walls, cabinetry and benchtops. To bring some warmth into the room, a darkly smoked oak was used for the floor-to-ceiling custom pantry along the back wall – this also anchors the design and enhances the sense of depth.

The handle-free cabinetry presents a streamlined look that's echoed in the underscore around the peninsula bench. Stretching almost the full width of the kitchen, such a generous peninsula was essential, as it had to provide for multiple tasks, including meal prep, cooking and clean-up. Given the size of the peninsula, which features an integrated induction cooktop and sink, using engineered stone would have necessitated a join, so an acrylic surface was selected, which is available in seamless slabs and therefore is a material of additional prep and storage space is hidden away yet within easy reach, with a drawer in the central pantry opening into a full working scullery.

Streamlined and sophisticated when the downlights are recessed in the ceiling, with a window between the peninsula and cabinetry washing in natural light.

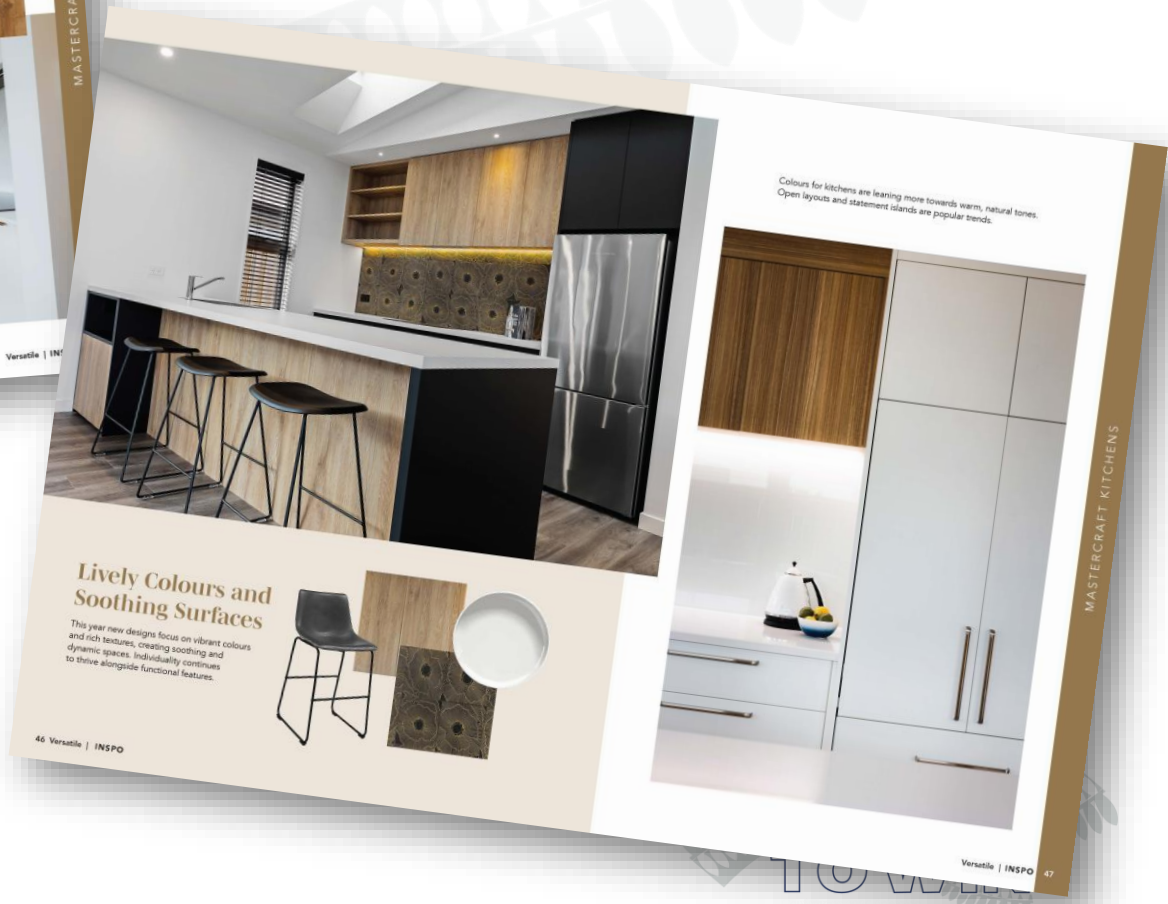
Due to the open-plan nature of the kitchen and living areas, ensuring the kitchen read as a cohesive space was a priority. It needed to be functional and efficient, yet visually simple, too, hence the adoption of a soothing neutral palette. The result is a pared-back yet powerful design.

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Heart of the Home

It's no secret the kitchen is the heart of the home—a place where style meets everyday function, and where real life naturally unfolds. As the central hub of the home, the kitchen was designed for connection—whether that's casual family breakfasts, weekend entertaining, or simply soaking up the bay views with a morning coffee.

In the Athin build, the custom kitchen design reflects this perfectly—warm and welcoming, with an effortless sense of refinement that suits the home and its setting. Polished concrete-look floors ground the space with modern edge, while light wood cabinetry adds a soft, natural touch. The result? A modern rustic aesthetic that feels equal parts relaxed and sophisticated.

Tucked into the social wing of the home, the kitchen flows easily into dining and living areas, creating one seamless space for cooking, gathering, working, and unwinding.

Mastercraft worked hand-in-hand with the homeowners to design a kitchen that doesn't just look beautiful—it lives beautifully, too.



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Splashback: Laminam Ardesia Bianco a Spacco

Island: Solid timber batten American Oak

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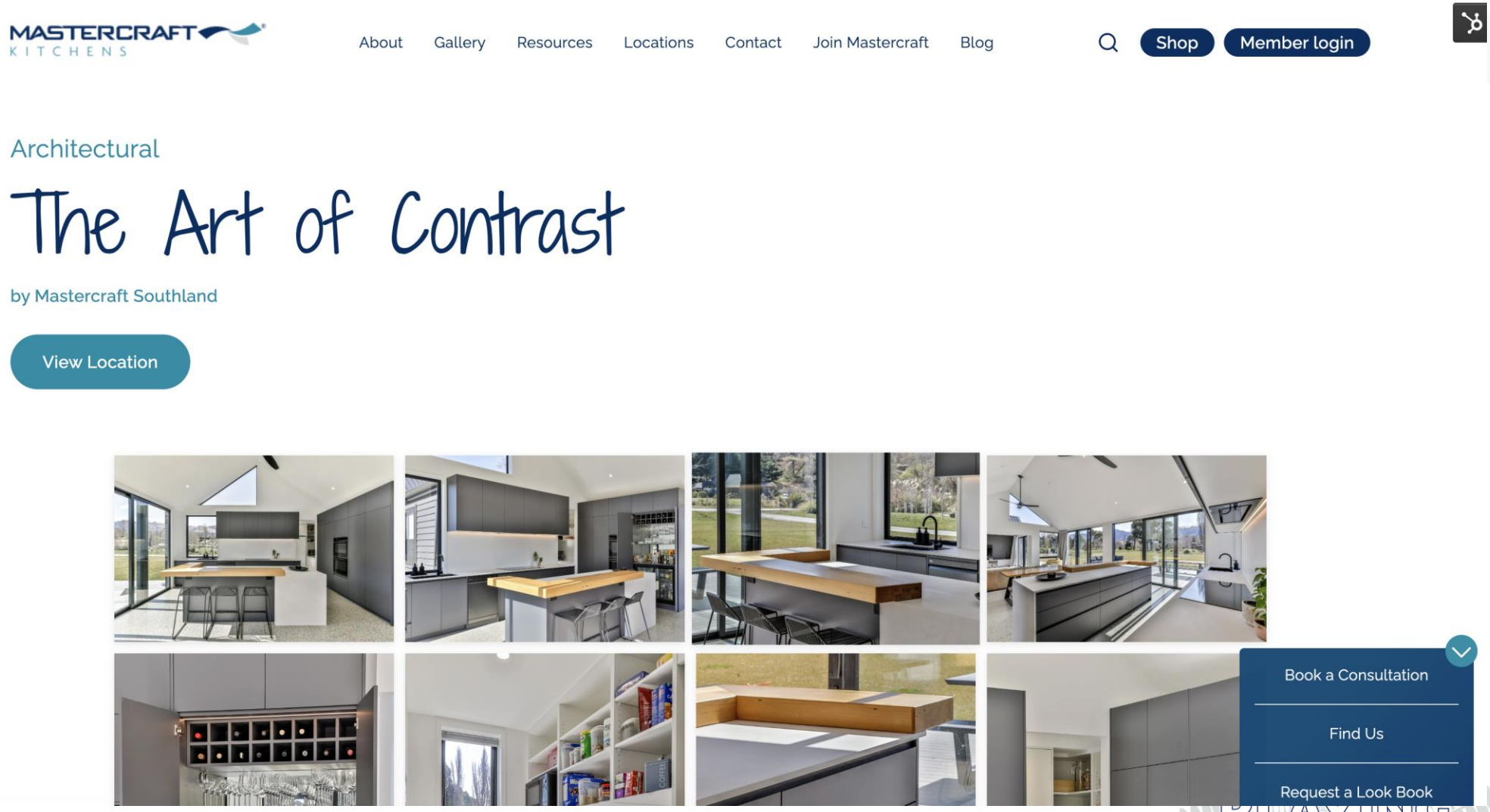
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