

TOTAL LUXURY CAN BE PRACTICAL

How to combine European style with daily substance

No matter what you're designing, the blend of substance and style is vitally important. The best-looking kitchen in the world is useless if you are frustrated when you use it. On the other hand, a thoroughly practical space can completely lack character and atmosphere.

The best kitchens combine stylish good looks with a functional layout and knockout features and that's exactly what this space achieves. Designed and built

by The Maker Designer Kitchens for Webb & Brown-Neaves, this kitchen takes pride of place in a brand new home.

The builders wanted a kitchen that was not only practical but also perfectly suited to the opulent and indulgent style of the rest of the house. The resulting new kitchen boasts a design heavily influenced by European trends, with clean lines and high-quality finishes.

The fridge, freezer, ovens and pantry are all cleverly recessed into the rear wall. This creates the illusion that the cabinets are only shallow and that there is a lot more space in the area. It's a unique touch and gives the kitchen an open feel.

"The suspension of the cabinets to the rear wall is something that you rarely see in a home, and it's a feature that never fails to impress," says Jess O'Shea from The Maker Designer Kitchens. "Finishes such as the gloss lacquered doors and Bianco Carrara marble tops only add to the kitchen's luxurious feel."

In fact, the marble is available exclusively from the city of Carrara in Italy, notable for the white or blue-grey marble quarried there. Its striking appearance draws plenty of admiring glances.

The Maker is a fully Western Australian-owned and operated business respected for its professionalism and commitment to excellence. And with the ability to create kitchens as stunning as this one, this company is leading the way in kitchen innovation.

The lesson from this project is that practicality doesn't have to be sacrificed in the pursuit of lavish looks. **KBQ**

Designer details

The kitchen was designed and built for Webb & Brown-Neaves by **The Maker Designer Kitchens**
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EXPERT TIP
 If you choose European marble and gloss lacquer, you'll invoke a luxurious feel.

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KEY ATTRIBUTES

- **Doors and panels** Fossil and Mist Grey gloss lacquer
- **Internal hardware** Häfele Salice soft-close hinges to doors, Häfele soft-close Grass Nova-Pro systems to all drawers and Blum Aventos systems to the cabin doors above the hotplate
- **Handles** Häfele 100.56 brushed stainless-steel handles to the recessed cabinets and Häfele anodised aluminium finger grips to the rest of the cabinets
- **Benchtop** 40mm thick Bianco Carrara marble
- **Splashback** Bianco Carrara
- **Kickboards** Polytec brushed aluminium
- **Floor** Chevron timber parquetry 1200mm x 120mm French oak with stain in Ebony
- **Walls** Solver Silky Beige
- **Lighting** Superlight turbo LED strip lighting to the underside of the overheads; LED strip lighting to the kick on the back of the island
- **APPLIANCES**
- **Oven** Smeg built-in oven SAPI09-8
- **Cooktop** Smeg induction hotplate SIHP3WG4
- **Rangehood/canopy** Smeg undermount rangehood PASC780IFPX
- **Dishwasher** Smeg fully integrated dishwasher ST663
- **Refrigerator** Electrolux fully integrated fridge ERM3701WC and fully integrated freezer EFM3001WC
- **Sink** Tetra SKS-403 double undermount sink
- **Taps** Grohe Minta Squareline kitchen mixer with swivel spout
- **Other** Smeg microwave combi-oven SC45M2 with SMEG warming drawer CT15-2

We love the elevated, recessed fridge/freezer array, which makes great use of space

