

## JAPANESE CREATIVITY

"A longstanding design trend is 'concealment', however, when researching Japanese style we discovered they have a love of displaying treasured possessions. The owners wanted their kitchen to meet modern expectations and seamlessly integrate with the home's Japanese theme, yet also stand out as the main focal point. The depth of the entrance wall was reduced to accommodate a tall unit with framed open boxes of contrasting Zebrano veneer. Favourite items and decorative pieces are illuminated like works of art. Rather than a bulkhead, utilising the full height of the kitchen maximises storage. As the heart of the home and centre for entertaining, I wanted to recreate a signature Japanese cooking arrangement, similar to a Teppanyaki style, where the guests can relax and socialise whilst the host is in the kitchen. We also recessed the hotplate into the 112mm thick stone benchtop. This thickness enabled construction of a steel frame within and the generous suspension of the benchtop over the island allows people to sit comfortably around."

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*We love how the kitchen brightens and amplifies space in the home.*



**EXPERT TIP**

Consider installing open shelves to display and store your favourite, but rarely used pieces.



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- [themaker.com.au](http://themaker.com.au)
- **Cabinet doors** Polytec Classic white sheen, Briggs Zebrano timber veneers
- **Internal hardware** Häfele Euro Cargo bin drawer, Häfele Grass drawer runners, Blum HF bi-folding lift system on double overheads, Blum HK flap door lift system
- **Mouldings** Gyprock Tempo cornice
- **Benchmark** Caesarstone Mink
- **Handles** Häfele brushed-steel finish
- **Splashback** European Ceramics tiles
- **Kickboards** Polytec brushed stainless-steel
- **Lighting** Häfele downlights on cupboard undersides, Häfele star lights on open shelving
- **Flooring** Spotted gum
- **Paint** Wattle Sierra snow
- **Oven** Smeg
- **Dishwasher** Smeg
- **Cooktop/hotplate** Smeg
- **Refrigerator** Westinghouse
- **Rangehood/canopy** Smeg
- **Microwave** Smeg
- **Sink** Barazza Lago stainless-steel double bowl undermount
- **Taps** Zucchetti Cucina squareline sink mixer

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