



LUCIDO POLYESTER DOORS IN CAFE LATTE FROM KITCHEN CONNECTION.



OPHELIA POLYURETHANE DOORS WITH PENCIL ROUND EDGE IN CHARCOAL; UPPER DOORS IN ANTIQUE WHITE, FROM SMARTPACK.



LAMINATE SAMPLES FROM KITCHENERS KITCHENS.



POLYURETHANE DOORS WITH INTEGRATED FINGER PULLS IN SEMI-GLOSS WHITE, FROM A-PLAN KITCHENS.



ZEBANO DRAWERS IN WOOD GRAIN LAMINATE, FROM KITCHENERS KITCHENS.



COLOURTECH SOFT BEVELLED SATIN DOORS IN ESPRESSO, FROM LAMINEX.

Shiny and new

Kitchen cabinets now come in every style and finish.

BACK in the days before the kitchen was ushered into the open-plan living area, there wasn't a lot of thought put into its decor. Passionate cooks may have searched for quality appliances, but the prevailing theme for cabinets and colour schemes was white, white and whiter.

Today, fitting out a new kitchen or updating an old one is a far more interesting challenge. For a start there is a much greater variety of materials to choose from. The decorator needs to consider much more than benchtops being the right height and whether there are enough drawers and cupboards.

There are now several different whites as well as hundreds of colours, and an equally impressive selection of benchtops, door hardware, splashbacks, floors and tiles.

A successful fitout now requires all materials to blend in with or complement the overall design of the home and, equally as important, suit the way the room is used and by whom.

Hot in the kitchen

Kitchens cabinets are the bones of the kitchen and include anything from simple styles that can be installed by the DIY

brigade without too much drama to wickedly decadent creations that demand a much higher level of expertise (and bank balance).

Kitchen companies, architects and interior designers are in the business of interpreting the needs of their clients. They can be consulted on everything from on-site inspections and planning to creating a concept and managing the entire job. They're invaluable if you're considering a fully integrated kitchen that seamlessly incorporates appliances, and can also assist with setting a realistic budget, refining your plan, and selecting quality materials and tradesmen

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BELOW: FAKTUM KITCHEN WITH ADEL WHITE DOORS AND DRAWER FRONTS, DOORS IN FOIL FINISH, FROM IKEA.



FAKTUM KITCHEN WITH ABSTRAKT DRAWER FRONTS, DOORS IN HIGH-GLOSS RED FOIL FINISH WITH ANODISED ALUMINIUM EDGES, FROM IKEA.



MATRIX KITCHEN WITH WENGE LAMINATE CABINETS, FROM POLIFORM.



POLYURETHANE DOORS IN SEMI-GLOSS DONKEY BROWN, FROM A-PLAN KITCHENS.

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A-Plan Kitchens
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 An increasingly popular choice in doors is the vacuum formed door. These offer a contoured edge and come in magnificent wood grains or lush gloss finishes. The face of the panel can be grooved or routed to suit more traditional styles.

Melamine continues to be very popular because of its impact resistance and fantastic range of colours. It's also a very economical choice. If you have a bit more to spend, the polyurethanes offer a more luxurious finish.

With colour schemes, you're spoiled for choice. But people are going for more subtle, natural shades of earth and clay. White and stainless appliances are also popular.

Soft-close doors and drawers are very popular and you can now choose drawers up to 1.2 metres long. Computerised manufacturing allows customers more choices than ever before in size and complexity.

Qualified kitchen designers will help you achieve the best kitchen for your budget. Look for a reputable company that will guarantee not only the quality of the materials used but also the workmanship and on-time delivery.

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