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Coco Republic's latest design job, the Baxter property in Sydney, features: Evener **joinery** in Euro Corvino; Bisazza bar bench recessed **tiles** in Stripes Fall; **splashback** in Twill Oro Giallo; and Nero Assoluto granite **benchtop** with Waterfall ends.

RIGHT (photo strip) More rooms at the Baxter property featuring Osbourne & Little **wallpaper** from Mokum.

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What's the next big trend in kitchens? "You should always be guided by the architectural style of the home and functional requirements, but that said I do see a trend in more dramatic, theatrical spaces using darker colours."

Good lighting "Task lighting under overhead cabinets gives a sense of mood and drama. For over island benches and dining tables, I love a pendant light fitting like the Mosquito Coil light fitting." (Jodie holding, see left; \$165, Coco Republic.)



Good to grate (right) Triangle citrus **grater**, \$21, VGM Imports. "A fine grater – for lemon zest, nutmeg and parmesan – is the smartest kitchen essential," Jodie says.

"Porter's Paint's low-sheen acrylic in **White Rhino** (\$39 for 1 litre) adds drama to the kitchen."



Cool kettle
Russell Hobbs Windsor Satin Cordless **kettle**, \$89.95, Target.

Appliances to live by "I can't go past Ilve for industrial styling, reliability and practicality (ilve.com.au), and Russell Hobbs for smaller appliances."

Best benchtop "I like Calacutta marble or, for a darker surface, black basalt. It looks clean, dramatic and sits well with most joinery. It's a soft and porous stone and when lit forms a moody backdrop." (See page 200 for more on benchtop surfaces.)

For cabinets "Oak can give a kitchen great depth, warmth and versatility, whether it be using a dark stain to achieve a more formal look or a limed or pickled finish for a more relaxed family-friendly feel."

Top handles "Less is more, and a recessed reveal on the face of a cupboard or drawer is unimposing and will not dominate your design."

Designer tip "When designing from the ground up, it's important to consider elements such as bench height, sink size and integration of appliances."

Favourite flooring "Ideally, you would carry the same flooring throughout the home. I love timber floorboards – the wider the better. Harper & Sandilands (harper-sandilands.com.au) does a lovely range. I love the Oak Smoked and Black." (See page 200 for more.)

Smartest window treatment "Opaque glass is great for the kitchen, as are painted shutters or bonded sheer blinds – wipeable, of course."