



Lighter and brighter

Kitcheners Kitchens opens up this family area with some clever designing

The owner's brief was clear. They wanted more usable bench and storage space and they wanted their kitchen to open up to the living area, making it brighter and lighter. "It all started with my husband agreeing to get me a new oven," laughs the owner, Vanessa. "Now I have a new kitchen!"

On a more practical and detailed level, they also wanted "lots and lots" of drawers, a large sink area, and they had a simple aesthetic request for their new kitchen — no handles.

So the designers took all that on board and began with closing up an existing window overlooking a building next door. They used that newly available space to create a run of wall units.

They then removed a wall dividing the kitchen and living area to ensure the kitchen now flows into the living space and can make the most of the available natural light. A CaesarStone benchtop in Cashmere with waterfall end was used to bridge the divide between the living and kitchen areas.

To do away with handles, the designers introduced new servo drive drawers from Blum

that create a "handle-less" kitchen. There's no need for finger pulls and the drawers also avoid that unwanted shadowline effect.

Showing some ingenuity, the designers also built a drawer box with soft-close mechanisms to enclose the kitchen bin, so the bin can also be accessed easily without needing a handle. An instant boiling/chilled water system box was similarly housed to maintain the streamlined, handle-less look of this enviable kitchen space.

The Classic White wall units rely on the Blum Aventos lift-up system — with no handles — and the few floor units that are doors and not drawers feature special tip-on touch catches to push the doors open, to continue the handle-less theme and smooth lines.

Creating instant interest in the kitchen is the designer-range opal fleck splashback in a classic campaign colour.

The owners wanted a kitchen that oozed simplicity and class — and this design does not disappoint.



LIFT-UP CUPBOARDS MAKES ACCESSING ITEMS WITHIN MUCH EASIER.

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The kitchen was designed by Kitcheners Kitchens and built by **KITCHENERS KITCHENS** 56 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria NSW 2015 **Phone** 1800 826 144 **Email** design@kitcheners.com.au **Website** www.kitcheners.com.au **Doors** Polytec's Classic White mat vinyl door with 3mm pencil-round edge **Panels** To match doors **Handles** Long rectangle handle on pantry doors **Benchtop** 60mm CaesarStone in Cashmere **Splashback** Designer Range Opal Fleck in Campaign **Kickboards** 150 high matching **Floor** 600 x 600 stone **Lighting** Flush-mount halogen downlights in wall units **Appliances** include a Blanco electric oven, Blanco induction three-hob cooktop, ARC flush undermount rangehood/canopy, ASKO dishwasher, Abey double undermount sink, Suprema goose neck tap and Zip Hydroboil tap.

