



A showstopper

The set of Iain ‘Huey’ Hewitson’s television show, this kitchen is made to impress

EVERY company understands the joy of repeat business and when the client returning needs to redesign his on-screen national television kitchen for the second time, there’s no bigger compliment.

Iain ‘Huey’ Hewitson recently moved his filming premises to a Melbourne studio in Waterfront City, Docklands, relocating from a small, one-bedroom apartment in St Kilda. There was no kitchen at the new site, so the designers had a blank canvas to work with. The need to make the kitchen picture perfect was paramount, as not only was the kitchen to be seen on a regular basis by Huey’s masses of fans, but it would also be open to public viewing. One of the biggest

challenges was to make the kitchen appear as though it is set in a home rather than a warehouse space.

An island bench was imperative, with two cooktops incorporated into it to ensure Huey doesn’t need to move far from this space when cooking and so that his back does not turn to the camera — these are also ideal for when Huey has ‘cook-offs’ with guest chefs. Another important element was keeping the cleaning and preparation area out of sight, so a back room was created.

There are a few special design features that make this kitchen really stand out, including the chunky floating shelves that come off the microwave cabinet. These

also have internal halogen lights for both functionality and aesthetic appeal.

Located in the middle of the CBD, the warehouse did not have gas mains available. To combat this, gas bottles have been placed within cupboards of the island bench.

Huey’s assistant, Mr Moon, has not been forgotten in the process of the kitchen redesign; practical customised storage solutions were designed and integrated.

Personal touches make a world of difference and, in this case, Huey chose Moroccan tiles for the splashback. These make a great textured feature, tying in with the tagine and Turkish coffee pot.



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The kitchen was designed by Michael Kitchener and built by **KITCHENERS KITCHENS** Showrooms in Sydney and Melbourne
PHONE 1800 826 144 **EMAIL** design@kitcheners.com.au **WEBSITE** www.kitcheners.com.au **DOORS AND PANELS** Laminex laminate in Polar White
INTERNAL HARDWARE Blum soft-close drawers with Orga-Line storage **HANDLES** Long rectangle in brushed nickel **BENCHTOP** CaesarStone in Pure White; island with 60mm mitre edges and waterfall ends; back wall in 20mm **SPLASHBACK** Moroccan tiles **KICKBOARDS** Laminex laminate in Polar White **WALLS** Moroccan tiles **LIGHTING** Halogen downlights **APPLIANCES** include a 600mm Fagor pyrolytic 5H-760X oven, a 600mm Fagor Cookbook 5H-810X oven, two 600mm Fagor 3FI-4GLSTX AUS gas cooktops, an ARC ADR 6SE1 stainless-steel dishwasher, Fisher & Paykel refrigerator, undermounted sink and a mixer tap.