



A This colourful splashback is easy to keep clean
B The white CaesarStone benchtop is 40mm thick
C Overhead lift-up cupboards have been reduced to 500mm in height
D In place of a pantry, drawers positioned next to the stove hold cooking essentials

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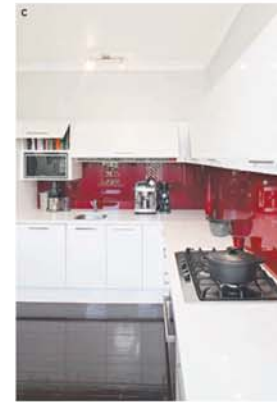
THE BRIEF
 Replace a tired kitchen in a Federation home with an affordable but sleek new design

THE COMPANY
 Kitcheners Kitchens

THE BUDGET
 \$19,200, including appliances

THE BREAKDOWN

- 40mm CaesarStone benchtop \$3000
- Glass splashback \$1500
- Bosch cooktop, rangehood and dishwasher \$5500
- Cabinetry, Blum drawer systems and installation \$14,700



The owner of this Federation house in Lewisham in Sydney's inner west wanted to replace her kitchen as part of a larger renovation. She wanted clean lines with lift-up doors for the upper cupboards and drawers for the lower cabinetry.

A glass splashback in show-stopping red reduces maintenance and offsets the white CaesarStone benchtop.

Rather than install a pantry, Kitcheners Kitchens designed the drawers next to the stove to hold cooking essentials.

"Budget was a big consideration in this kitchen," says Michael Kitchener, owner of Kitcheners Kitchens.

Given the owner is not very tall, overhead cupboards have been reduced in size from the standard 720mm to 500mm to reduce costs. From design through to installation, the kitchen took eight weeks to complete.

Soft-close mechanisms have been used on all drawers throughout.

Robyn Willis

MORE INFORMATION
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WHERE COULD YOU SAVE MONEY?

- Swap the 40mm stone benchtop for a 20mm version and save \$1000 or, better still, a stone-look laminate to save almost \$2000.
- Go with large-format tiles for the splashback rather than glass. Tiles offer an equally attractive look but will save about \$1000.

- You can get the same look with high-gloss laminate cupboard doors as the two-pak polyurethane finish shown and save about \$1700.

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