

ALL THINGS *great and small*

IT TOOK CLEVER PLANNING TO TRANSFORM THIS KITCHEN ON SYDNEY'S NORTHERN BEACHES INTO A SOPHISTICATED AND STORAGE-SAVVY SPACE

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Designer's tip

"Think about the space as a whole and how you're going to connect it to the living or outside spaces. That's when you start to get a cohesive feel and polished look. For instance, the beautiful, elegant Shaker cupboards and the handles; we've used those in other parts of the house."

Crucial details

Materials were chosen with the family in mind, with durable yet classic benchtops with customised curved edges by Luxe Joinery featured on the island. Allevard PurePlank flooring from Harwoods warmly contrasts against the neutral palette while being hardwearing. >

Source book

Interior design: Selena Mohr, *Your Beautiful Home*, yourbeautifulhome.com.au. **Joinery:** Luxe Joinery, facebook.com/LuxeJoinery. **Builder:** GMC Constructions, gmcconstructions.com.au.



Now a bright and modern space, this worker's cottage on Sydney's Northern Beaches makes the best of its limited footprint and for the homeowners, functionality was front of mind when it came to the kitchen renovation.

"These homes typically have very small, pokey kitchens so it was important to get as much storage and bench space as possible, but they also didn't want it to feel too beachy," says interior designer Selena Mohr of Your Beautiful Home. "They wanted a more sophisticated approach."

An open-plan layout connecting the kitchen, dining and outdoor zones creates a spacious feel that the family loves, but it's the clever details that elevate this kitchen to another level.

Integrated appliances, ample cabinetry and hidden storage ensure every inch is usable space, particularly in the pantry nook where appliances can be stored at a moment's notice.

Likewise, the semi-integrated Miele dishwasher is disguised among the joinery that's painted in Resene Dusted Grey as part of the neutral palette, which was inspired by the owner's abstract artwork in the kitchen that is by their longtime friend Karen Lange.

"She uses a beautiful mix of colours, and we drew on this from the painting. It's a really pared-back, soft shade of grey which is elegant and doesn't compete with anything," says Selena.

To top things off, the timber flooring adds natural warmth while the study nook is an ideal spot to store those essential bits and pieces such as bills and school notes – just what the family needs.

"I think they're absolutely over the moon," says Selena.



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1. 'Owan VI' pendant light, \$590, MCM House.
2. Acacia wood salt and pepper mills, \$49.95/set, Black Wattle.
3. PurePlank 'Allevard Classic' 180mm European Oak flooring in 1-strip, \$130.90/sqm, Havwoods.
4. 'Poco' pull-out kitchen mixer in Brushed Nickel, from \$487, Abey.
5. 'Duke' messmate timber bar stool, \$240, Living Elements. >

ACTUAL PAINT COLOUR MAY VARY ON APPLICATION

