

nature's best

Taking inspiration from *lush flora*, this Queensland kitchen is a calming oasis with *soft, coastal* touches

Colour can enhance a room's natural beauty but it can also overwhelm it. That's what homeowners Natalya and Sacha Laws found when they began renovating their timber home in the Brisbane suburb of Morningside. Brushbox floors were disguised under a dark stain with high-gloss finish, while bright red splashback tiles and cabinetry made the already narrow kitchen feel even smaller. "I prefer a lighter, fresher palette," says Natalya. "We were just over the older, dark colours." With expert knowledge from kitchen designer Brad Read and interior designer Tahn Soon, the room was dramatically updated. But the kitchen needed more than a simple facelift to achieve Natalya's spacious dream. The wall separating the kitchen from the dining room was knocked down to create an open-plan design while a walk-in butler's pantry was added to free up bench space. While Natalya and Sacha's three children often raid the pantry looking for treats, the room is about so much more than just food. "It's a place where everyone always seems to be together," says Natalya. "It really is the heart of our home."

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The island benchtop is Caesarstone Frosty Carrina and is one of Natalya's favourite features. "When we entertain we put all the food on it," she says. The engineered stone features soft, powdery veins which give a luxurious feel. >

The airy kitchen overlooks the deck and pool, creating a calming coastal feel. This is enhanced by V-groove panelling on the joinery, a style of wall lining emblematic of Queensland homes.

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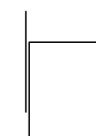
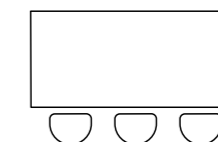
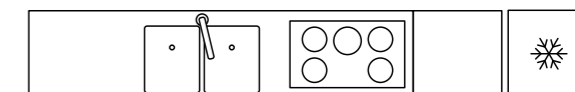
1. Handmade Mud Australia 'Flared Light' pendants complement the nature-inspired colour scheme.
2. The splashback tiles, benchtop and cabinetry let the garden vistas take centre stage.
3. Kethy handles add warmth to the kitchen and accentuate the natural brushbox floors (try Nationwide Timber).



DREAM FACTOR EASY BREEZY

Situated where the dining table once was, this bench is a practical addition that doesn't dominate the space. Satara 'New York' barstools in white vegan leather, with oak legs, enhance the light and airy atmosphere.

layout



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