

Stairway to heaven

From dull to divine, this stunning kitchen's transformation is truly amazing



Have young children? Soft-close drawers allow for a quieter kitchen experience and are extremely child-friendly, too.



WHEN you can't stand the sight of your own kitchen or get frustrated with its lack of storage and impractical layout, there's only one solution to your problem: it's time to renovate. That's what the owners of this sensational space opted to do and, after approaching Apollo Kitchens to design their dream kitchen, they have no doubts that their decision was the right one.

Once a dated, poorly designed laminate kitchen, this new cooking area now offers functionality and visual appeal in abundance. Chic neutral tones replace the previously dull colour palette, breathing

life back into the kitchen. Designer Joe Ardita from Apollo Kitchens has chosen Antique White USA and Gentle Touch in half strength — two popular hues from Dulux's colour range — for the cabinetry and walls respectively and, teamed with the existing white floor tiles, the kitchen looks extremely spacious and inviting. To add visual interest and complement the room's lighter tones, sleek CaesarStone benchtops in Black Rocks and a striking light blue glass splashback have also been incorporated into the design.

Another item on his clients' wish-list

was for the kitchen to flow seamlessly into surrounding areas. As Joe explains, "They wanted the kitchen to be a part of the structure of the house, not a separate room." To achieve this, the designer has cleverly used cupboard doors that blend effortlessly with the walls and also cleverly transformed space underneath the staircase into a roomy kitchen pantry, further enhancing the room's unified look. Much-needed storage space is also found along the back wall of the U-shaped kitchen, as well as within a generous island bench.

Sleek built-in stainless-steel appliances

by Kleenmaid provide the perfect finishing touches for this stunning kitchen and have been installed along the furthest wall.

With a timeless colour scheme, ample

storage and loads of other practical features, this fresh space will perform well in both the style and functionality stakes for many years to come. A state finalist in

this year's prestigious Kitchen & Bathroom Designers Institute design20ten National Awards, it is a kitchen that anyone would be truly proud to call their own.

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The kitchen was designed by Joe Ardita and built by **APOLLO KITCHENS** 86 Gipps Street, Smithfield NSW 2164 **PHONE** 1300 90 80 90 **EMAIL** showroom@apollokitchens.com.au **WEBSITE** www.apollokitchens.com.au **DOORS** Two-pack polyurethane gloss finish, bevelled edge doors and drawers, Dulux Antique White USA **PANELS** Two-pack polyurethane gloss finish, Dulux Antique White USA **INTERNAL HARDWARE** Hettich InnoTech Silent System **HANDLES** Hettich stainless-steel finish **BENCHTOP** 40mm CaesarStone in Black Rocks with mitred edge; waterfall edge with shadowline **SPLASHBACK** Green tile (RS633C) colour-back glass **KICKBOARDS** Brushed aluminium **FLOOR EXISTING** White ceramic square tiles **WALLS** Dulux Gentle Touch half-strength **LIGHTING** Halogen downlights, hanging light **APPLIANCES** include a Kleenmaid built-in wall oven T0901X, steam wall oven S0E101X, 900mm cooktop ICK87X, canopy empire 900mm, microwave MWK101X **COST**, approximately, for design, manufacture and installation \$29,700