

STATEMENT PIECE

Sculptural forms and sleek finishes create a feast for the eyes.

THE BRIEF

Downsizing from a house to an apartment, the owner of this Sydney kitchen was keen to create a space-efficient beauty that sang with luxurious details. The brief to interior designer Maryann Schmidt of Hunt and Design was to replace the existing 1990s decor with “a sophisticated and timeless” design that would make a statement. It needed to be open plan with a butler’s pantry and a layout that lent itself to both entertaining friends and intimate meals with family.

✦ The fluted wall (MDF with a cove routing treatment) adds a luxurious sense of texture to the space, working in well with the dark herringbone floor.

THE DESIGN APPROACH

To create an open-plan layout, Maryann knocked down a wall along the entrance corridor and replaced it with a curved half-wall clad in fluted MDF. This sculptural element doubles as tall kitchen joinery housing the fridge, pantry, coffee station and appliance cupboard. “The curved wall creates drama and sets the tone for the entire space,” says Maryann. She kept the colour scheme simple, opting for black and white cabinetry (Dulux Black Caviar and Dulux Wairakei Quarter) with a mid-tone grey stone splashback (Super White Dolomite) and white Caesarstone benchtops. A tall, sliding glass-fronted door leads to a butler’s pantry featuring a cabinet for displaying ceramics and heirlooms. It all adds up to a luxe, stylish space. ▶

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Key details Total cost: \$50,000-\$60,000 (excluding appliances). **Fluted joinery:** MDF with cove routing, 2-pac polyurethane in Dulux Black Caviar. **White cabinetry:** 2-pac polyurethane in Dulux Wairakei Quarter. **Super White Dolomite,** \$1200/m², WK Stone. **Benchtops** in Caesarstone Pure White, from \$950/m² (installed). **Herringbone Nero oak flooring,** Mafi Timber. **Michael Anastassiades IC Lights S pendants,** from \$803, Euroluca. **Tip of the Tongue wall light,** \$2000, Hub Furniture. **Spine stool,** from \$2495, Great Dane. **Franke double-bowl sink,** Teknobili **pull-out mixer tap,** and Mizu Drift **dual-filter system.** **Integrated fridge/freezer,** Liebherr. **Oven, cooktop, dishwasher,** all Miele.

✦ The black and white scheme was devised to complement the owner’s collected treasures and artworks. Maryann chose the Super White Dolomite splashback “because of its dramatic tones, which bring together the black and white scheme perfectly”.

Photograph by Amanda Price
Artwork by unknown artist.

✦ The tall glass and metal door is a thing of beauty in itself, but it slides open to reveal a butler’s pantry offering a second sink, wine fridge and general storage.