



Simply slick

Creating a kitchen from scratch can be a daunting process, but there are a few simple tricks to make your decisions easier, as **Richard Stevens** and **Aaron Coshaw** explain



Decision time

So you're renovating or building and putting in a new kitchen. This is one of the most important rooms in the house and requires lots of design decisions – the layout, materials, colours and appliances. If you are after something slick and modern that doesn't date and is appealing to everyone we have some great ideas. The best place to start for the novice is with a kitchen supplier. They can usually offer useful suggestions and get you a basic plan. This room offered us a blank canvas to work on, with Cabinet Depot installing the new kitchen. Once you have the plan, then choose your colours and surfaces. If you want something that stands the test of time you really cannot go past stylish white. So that was the first choice we made for this kitchen. To funk it up a little we used a panel of timber veneer in the island bench to add some interest.

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Hide everything

In a relatively small kitchen like this we wanted everything to be hidden. The appliances were all integrated – even the fridge is behind a cupboard door and the cooktop has no knobs (great for cleaning too). This gives the illusion of space. The splashback is glass, in the same colour as the wall and again the design echoes the idea of a minimal unifying scheme. A floating shelf was added rather than overhead cupboards in the same veneer as the feature panel to add interest.



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