

Kitchen living transformation

Merivale, Christchurch

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The original kitchen was in a space separated from the dining and living by a wall. The generous entry hall ended in a door to the living and straight into the kitchen.

The designer, Ingrid Geldof, suggested opening up the space to the dining and thus the living area by removing the wall. This was followed by blocking off the door to the kitchen from the end of the entry hall and adding a new door adjacent, allowing art and a side board to be located as a focal point at the end of the entry hall and hiding the entry to the kitchen from guests.

A new wall by the kitchen entrance directs guests around the relocated kitchen and provides wall space for a working pantry. The new solid American White Oak floor adds warmth and ties in well with the Oak Veneer kitchen joinery.

The original space was drab and cut off from the living and dining room. The aim was to provide a light and airy look without compromising on warmth and retaining a natural feel. A neutral palette was decided on for the kitchen using **Resene Wan White** and Linen Caesarstone benches. As the owners were gardeners, green was introduced

in the form of **Resene Lemon Grass** complemented by **Resene Alabaster** on the ceiling and trim for a light fresh feel without being stark, with punch provided by the **Resene Pacifika** back painted glass splashback, which enhances the natural organic feel of the home. Clever use of LED strip lighting above the Oak wall units and under the bar enriches the glow of the bold colour and timber.

This space is easy to live in with timeless appeal and flexibility, offering family connection and flow to the rest of the home yet providing a highly functional kitchen space separate from guests.





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