



Okuku Residence

34 Foothills Road, Rangiora



Eighth
Fossil

Fossil

Grey Olive

Half Fossil

This Oamaru stone house is situated close to the Canterbury foothills on a lifestyle block with a lovely view towards paddocks and mountains.

The house was built in 1997 and it was ready for an update; especially the kitchen which looked tired with old fashioned cupboard doors and bench top. In the corner was a walk-in pantry that took away most of the kitchen space. Beside the pantry was a large floor to ceiling oven unit leaving little bench space. The kitchen lacked storage because the right wall of the kitchen had a timber veneer wine rack with diagonal shelves, an open timber triangular shelving unit and a white freestanding fridge.

Because the budget was small the owner wanted to retain the terracotta floor tiles, the existing carcass, rimu bench top and tongue and groove timber at the front side of the kitchen bench. The client had replaced most of the appliances in recent years with good quality equipment, so they were in good condition and could be reused in the new kitchen. The requirements were to change the colour of the cupboard doors and to add a new bench top and pantry, to design additional storage with extra drawers for pots and pans, a new sink, tap and hardware.

Building Contractor: Brent Johnson Joinery Ltd

Colour Selection: Nanda Poort-Rammers www.twinriversinteriors.co.nz

Interior Designer: Nanda Poort-Rammers

Photographer: Amanda Sinclair, Radiate Design

Colours Used: Resene Eighth Fossil, Resene Fossil, Resene Grey Olive, Resene Half Fossil

Products Used: Resene SpaceCote Low Sheen, Resene Lustacryl

The design proposal included a colour scheme in Resene Fossil and Resene Grey Olive to fit with the rest of the colour scheme in the room. The bench top was replaced with a new green soapstone coloured melamine that fitted within the restricted budget.

The cupboard doors were replaced with new panelled country doors with a Resene Fossil finish with stainless steel oval formed door knobs that enhance the stainless steel appliances. The back wall was painted in Resene Grey Olive and has a glass splashback in the same colour and Resene Fossil coloured wall cupboards were added for extra storage. The light soft colours make the space look much bigger.

Against the right wall are floor to ceiling cupboards with colonial cornices along the top. The tongue and groove panelling at the front of the bench was sanded and painted in Resene Fossil. The rimu varnished bench top was sanded and finished off with commercial flooring oil that intensified the beautiful wood grain of the wood.

The result is a contemporary spacious functional country kitchen with clean lines and neutral colours that won't date too quickly.

 Resene Vibe

