



## INTERNATIONALLY AWARD WINNING

HAVING ONLY MOVED TO NEW ZEALAND EIGHT YEARS AGO NATALIE DU BOIS IS ALREADY MAKING A NAME FOR HERSELF IN BATHROOM AND KITCHEN DESIGN

HAVING STUDIED INTERIOR DESIGN AND SPATIAL planning in Cape Town South Africa, Natalie travelled to England where she was fortunate enough to work for two high end kitchen and bathroom design companies. "With both I was involved in designing tailor made kitchens, bathrooms, bedroom furniture, laundries and other fitted furniture." In 2000 Natalie was awarded the best young UK kitchen designer award before moving to New Zealand. Her experience also includes designing high end German kitchens Siematic and Rational. "This allowed me to gain a broad spectrum of design experience which I can now offer to clients. I can give them whatever look and feel they desire. I count myself very lucky to have gained such a range of experience. What I have learned over the years is each and every job must be thought through to suit the individual."

Natalie describes both kitchen and bathroom design as being "equally very enjoyable". Since starting her own business she has found more people need all their fitted furniture designed at once. "The trend certainly is to have continuity and a flow from each room. To ensure the look and quality of the kitchen, bathroom and laundries all work together in unison in the house."

"As a designer I enjoy being able to choose different styles and reflect my client's personality in their homes."

One of Natalie's biggest challenges in kitchen design, but certainly a favourite, was designing a kitchen to be fitted into a Dome house in Waiheke Island. "Apart from there being hardly any walls for tall cabinetry to be fitted to; the walls were angled in every direction which made scribing cabinetry and benchtops almost impossible."

Natalie recognises the NKBA as a great way to "keep abreast with new products and changes in the industry. It is also a great way to catch up with fellow designers and swap ideas. I would recommend all kitchen and bathroom designers to be a part of the NKBA society."

Natalie and Du Bois Design Ltd are involved in the design of kitchens, bathrooms, laundries, fitted furniture, sourcing and specifying of flooring lighting wall finishes and overall interior and exterior colour schemes. Designing nation wide, no job is too far for Du Bois Design, who take your project to completion, overseeing the finer details right to the end. ■



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