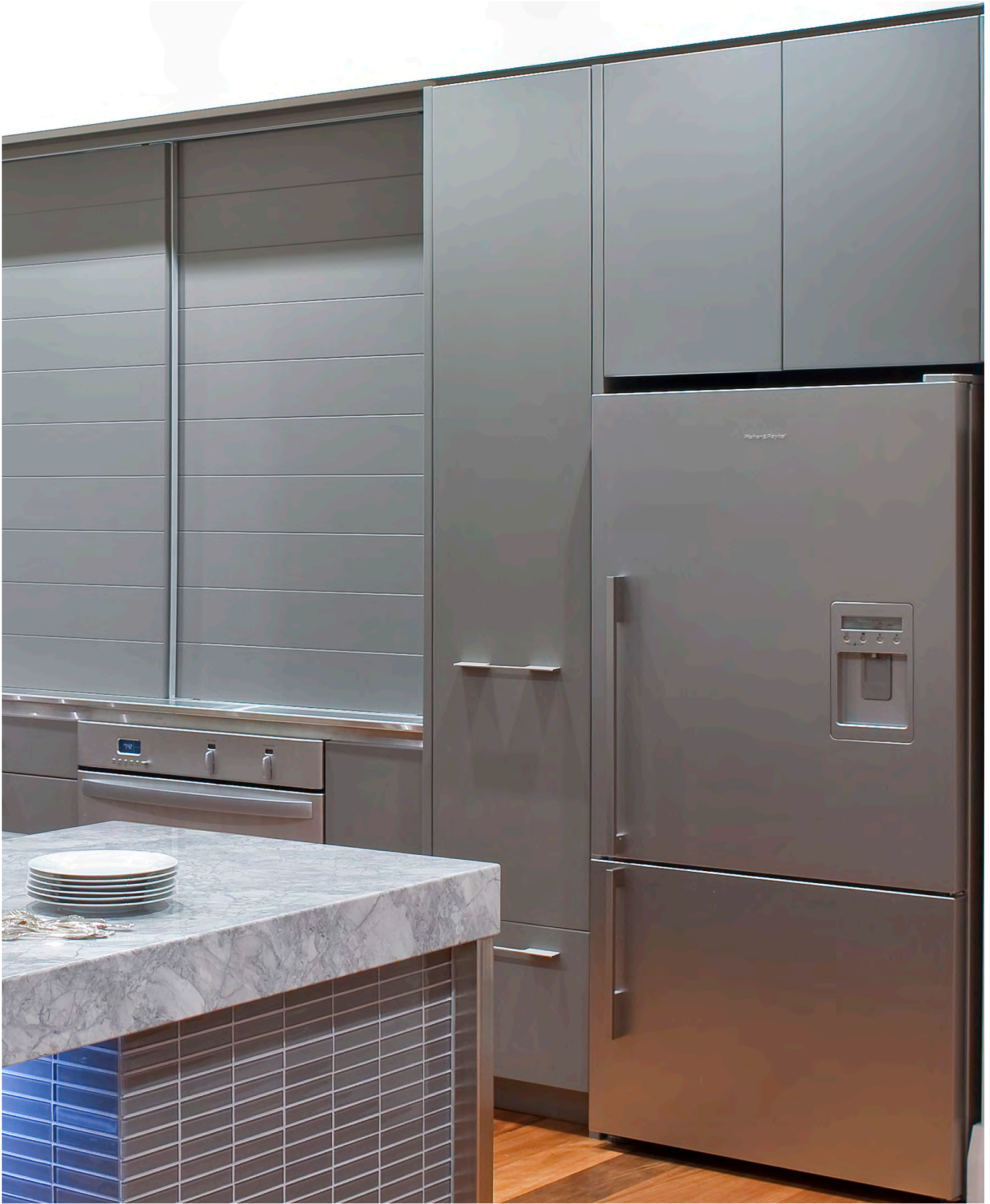




Smart Kitchen

“Give me a kitchen that promises no mess, no fuss!” This was the challenge handed to designer Natalie Du Bois. The result is a space that allows a busy mother to prepare meals and clean up afterwards in the blink of an eye.



Location

Auckland, New Zealand

Kitchen Designer

Natalie Du Bois, Du Bois Design

Kitchen Manufacturer

SWP Interiors

Fisher & Paykel Appliances

Gas Cooktop with integrated wok burner

Built-in oven

Ice & water Active Smart™ refrigerator/freezer

Photography

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Designer Natalie Du Bois loaded this kitchen with functionality to ensure her client spent as little time as possible on preparation and cleanup. An integrated appliance garage/pantry stores all the necessities for baking, and the position of the oven allows for easy transference. Stainless steel counters feature no-spill edges and wrap up the walls to present a unified, easy-to-wipe-down surface. The use of a peninsula, rather than an island, sets up two spaces, the contained inner area, which is the working environment, and the outer area where people can gather.

FACING PAGE: Ensuring optimal freshness of food is paramount for families these days. That's why Fisher & Paykel Active Smart™ refrigerators have been designed to continuously monitor the flow of cold air, to maintain freshness. The addition of an integrated, fully plumbed-in water and ice dispenser takes this technology to another level.

RIGHT: Three sliding doors contain the appliance garage and pantry, ensuring any mess is always easily hidden from view. A pull-out unit between the refrigerator and oven houses useful everyday items. The designer chose to use drawers rather than cupboards to improve the overall functionality.

