



OPPOSITE Kitchen designed by Natalie Du Bois of Du Bois Design. Notta Cielo honed and enhanced granite benchtop and island top; Fisher & Paykel French door fridge; rangehood custom-designed by Du Bois Design; Blanco Sublime 350/350 sink in Anthracite; island side silver woven mesh within Satinlite glass panels; Tom Dixon Slab bar stools from ECC; (by sink) **KitchenAid** in Apple Green \$995 and **mortar and pestle** \$59.95, both from Milly's; biscuit canister owner's own; (on island) Jag glass **vase** \$34 from Citta Design; Staub green **kettle** \$285.50, T&G **salt mill** \$97.95, T&G **pepper mill** \$97.95 and Staub green **pan** \$517.95, all from Milly's; Cascade **bowl** \$7.95 and Cascade dinner **plate** \$9.95, both from Freedom; all items above island owner's own. Thank you to Judith Bruyn for the use of her kitchen.

ABOVE Design and product details as above; Mercury 1200 oven from FL Bone; organic **tea towel** \$16.95 from Milly's.

HOME TRUTHS

We asked two homeowners, who have recently installed new kitchens, to share their insights.

KIM LAWRIE, TAKAPUNA

What part of your new kitchen do you love the most?

Definitely our white Corian island bench – at 4.8m long, it provides both visual and practical benefits. Second would be our Combi-steam oven by Gaggenau; we're really impressed with the quality of food that comes out of it.

What tip would you pass on to others?

Take photos of the wall framing, showing plumbing and electrical work, before the Gib goes up so the tradesmen know exactly where everything is when they visit to connect appliances and fittings. Plus, if you ever have problems, you know where the pipes are.

JAY FARNSWORTH, NELSON

A key lesson learned in the process?

It's worth carefully measuring the depth, height and width of proposed cupboards and drawers. Just 5mm can make all the difference to your ability to store pots, cups, glasses and so on.

Can you share an idea about environmentally friendly waste management?

Make your recycling bin as large as possible and have a small compost bucket under the sink. There is very little other rubbish if you recycle and compost. >



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