

Crucial details

With their Italian heritage, food and entertaining are a big part of family life for the owners of this kitchen. They invested in high quality appliances, including an integrated Sub-Zero fridge, freezer and wine fridge, as well as a Wolf freestanding cooktop 1200 and M Series oven and steam oven. "Choosing a favourite feature is like trying to choose a favourite child," says owner and interior designer, Antonina Scotti.

RURAL *modernity*

AT THE HEART OF THIS FAMILY HOME IN THE SYDNEY HILLS DISTRICT IS A TIMELESS KITCHEN, WHICH GIVES A GENTLE NOD TO ITS COUNTRYSIDE SETTING

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The stone and timber scheme features bronze and brass accents, which underscores the palette with warmth and sophistication. A focal point is the seven-arm Christopher Boots 'Phasmida' pendant, from Est Lighting that mimics the branches of trees surrounding the property. Acid-washed brass 'Surrey' cabinetry handles from Hepburn Hardware also add a subtle metallic lustre. >

"CLEAN LINES AND NATURAL MATERIALS WERE BOTH KEY ELEMENTS IN CREATING A MODERN RURAL LOOK"

Antonina, interior designer and homeowner



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Another prep area, below a window overlooking the garden, features a second sink and beautiful stretch of New York marble across the benchtop and splashback, which flows into the adjoining butler's pantry. For a cohesive feel, wall sconces from Coco Republic were chosen for their beautiful marble look patterning.



Designer's tip

"With a soaring 5.6-metre ceiling, it was important that the overhead cabinetry did not make the kitchen feel too heavy," explains Antonina. "By incorporating fluted glass, it breaks up the heaviness of the veneer and still allows the concealed rangehood to be obscured from view."

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While interior designer Antonina Scotti of Sukari Interior Design is used to creating dream homes for her clients, building a forever home for herself, husband Anthony and their three kids was extra special. They chose a rural block in Dural, where Anthony grew up.

Central to the design was a large, functional kitchen around which family life could unfold. Abundant storage was a priority, coupled with high-end, hardworking appliances and a sublime palette, inspired by the home's surroundings. The rich colour of the cabinetry in New Age Veneers Navurban Hamilton forms a dramatic backdrop, which is punctuated with brass and striking New York marble across benches and splashbacks. "We specifically chose the marble as the distinct veining is reminiscent of the lightning strikes from thunderstorms we often view from the windows in the adjacent family room," explains Antonina. Designed in consultation with the stonemason and supplier Gitani Stone, the island's mitred edge detail and curved ends makes it a sculptural focal piece. Beyond its beauty, the kitchen is integral to family life and functions just as Antonina envisaged. "This is where everything happens. Where we come together, cook, eat and chat."

Source book

Interior design: Sukari Interior Design, sukaridesign.com.
Joinery: Caprice Kitchens & Joinery, (02) 6284 2640.

Beautiful KITCHENS



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1. Navurban prefinished veneer (18mm) in Hamilton, from \$89.93/sqm, New Age Veneers.
2. 'Cleo' alabaster wall sconce, \$995, Coco Republic.
3. 'Surrey' handle in acid-washed brass, \$44.95, Hepburn Hardware.
4. 'Agni' vase, \$139/large, Papaya.
5. 'Erskine' wine glasses, \$67.80/set of 4, Ladelle.
6. Wolf 91cm freestanding dual-fuel oven/stove, \$26,795, Winning Appliances.