

family gathering

Designed with *multigenerational living* at its heart, this flexible kitchen is a *hardworking hub* for two or 20

The owners of this farmhouse-style kitchen in Sydney's northern suburbs tasked Michael Kilkeary, design principal at Cadence & Co, with creating an adaptable space that allowed for both large-scale family entertaining and intimate meals. "It was to be a gathering place in itself, with enough bench space to allow friends to mill comfortably or even roll up their sleeves and join in the preparation," says Michael. Not one, but two natural stone-topped islands provide that desired flexibility and functionality. "The central island is the workhorse, with space to stand on all sides and a large chopping block on one end," explains Michael. "The second island provides additional workspace and can become a broad servery area for platters of food when they host large gatherings." Shaker-style cabinets, timber floors, a butler's sink and beautiful ornamental lighting reference the ranch-style homes of California's Napa Valley, with overlays of historic rural French farmhouses, while muted tones of silvery greys and greens mirror the home's architecture and landscape. Perhaps this kitchen's most beautiful feature is a wood-burning fire opposite the barstool seating at one end of the central island, which creates an intimate dining space for two. "What began as a request for a pizza oven evolved into this luxurious camp fire within the kitchen, which we feel is a lovely enhancement of the farmhouse concept," says Michael.

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Standing at the Shaws butler sink beneath the servery window, the owners enjoy a lovely outlook onto landscaped gardens. Decorative touches such as table lamps (for similar, try the 'Classic Style' table lamp from Black Mango), glass-fronted cabinets and a quirky chicken artwork (artist unknown) help it feel like another living space. The other artwork is also by an unknown artist. >



Arabescato Venatino honed marble from SNB Stone forms the benchtops (and splashback, see following pages), with two vintage French pendants suspended above (get the look from 1st Dibs). Ample storage takes varying forms, from cupboards and drawers to open shelving and glazed cabinets. >



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DOUBLE VISION

Two generous islands boost the available bench space and help to zone the room within the larger open-plan layout. Contrasting finishes – Resene Lustacryl paint in Half Lemon Grass and solid oak – cement the formal and informal natures of each island.

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A giant mantle over the Lacanche stoves features a custom plaster finish similar to the tadelakt used historically in European farmhouses. The luxe wood-burning fire within adds to the intimate nature of the casual meals area featuring the owner's existing barstools (for similar, try Life Interiors). "They're now developing new skills in cooking over an open flame," reports designer Michael Kilkeary of Cadence & Co. A Perrin & Rowe pot filler (try The English Tapware Company) lends additional country flair. >



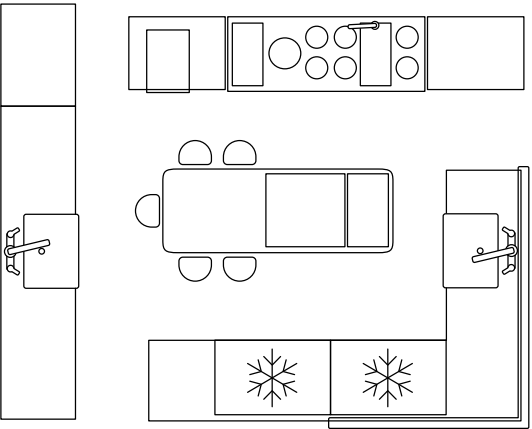
The kitchen sits centrally within the family dining and living areas, and the island's raised countertop helps shield some of the food prep area from these zones. Antique engineered French oak floorboards flow throughout. Two antique brass Visual Comfort & Co 'Swivel Head' wall lamps from Laura Kincade stylishly light the stove area.

dream essentials

1. A servery window offers expansive views to landscaped gardens and opens to the dining terrace. **2.** Shaws fireclay sinks from Reece and Perrin & Rowe 'Provence' tapware from The English Tapware Company add to the farmhouse feel. **3.** A chopping block at one end of the kitchen island makes for efficient food preparation.



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soak it all in

With its insightful layout and *French flourishes*, this ensuite serves up *palatial comfort* in spades

When designing this indulgent ensuite for a Sydney home, Michael Kilkeary of Cadence & Co took the concept of a bathroom to a whole new level. “The owners very much wanted the bath to be integrated with the bedroom, so we designed a series of rooms within rooms, to give the bath its own beautiful room,” he says. Replete with floral wallpaper, textural curtains and a showstopping French Empire-style chandelier, the palatial ‘bathroom’ also features a double-sided limestone fireplace to screen it and the neighbouring shower room from the bedroom. This theme of grandeur carries through to the adjoining spaces. Carrara marble features in the vanity benchtops and shower tiles, antique engineered French oak is used for the floors in the bathroom and dressing room, and ornate mirrors, wall sconces and heated towel rails add layers of luxuriant comfort. “The spatial arrangement of this bathroom is its greatest feature,” explains Michael. “The palette has a sense of luxury while maintaining the overall sense of warmth and calm that flows through the rest of the house.”

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A majestic dressing room features V-groove wall panels painted in Porter's Paints Watermark, with a custom vanity on one side and a dressing table on the other, both by Cadence & Co. From here, the owners can step through to the shower room and the bathroom beyond. “The long arrangement enabled us to provide direct links with the bedroom and dressing room, while still keeping each space separate,” says designer Michael. >

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"The bath in its own room creates a singularly indulgent space," says Michael. Antique French oak floors lay an elegant formation, while a French limestone mantle from Lydie du Bray Antiques, chandelier from The Vault, curtains from Master Workroom and Designers Guild 'Marlowe Floral' wallpaper from Radford complete the picture.

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LUXE TOUCH

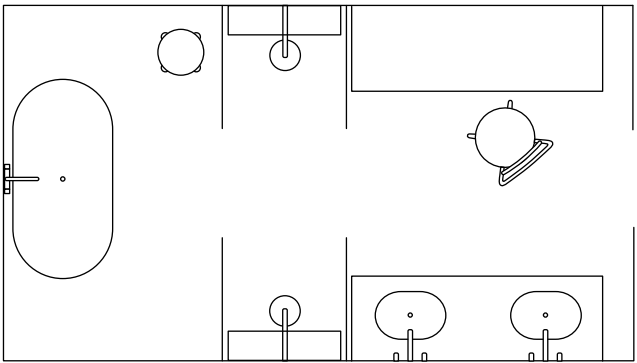
Michael has created a truly restful retreat complete with crackling fireplace and ornate details. The freestanding Victoria & Albert 'Elwick' tub from Reece is framed by a set of French doors that open to a balcony and the view.

dream essentials

1. Roberto Giovannini wall sconces bring a dash of French flavour to the dressing room. **2.** The shower is tiled with Carrara marble tiles from Surface Gallery, with Perrin & Rowe fixtures from The English Tapware Company. **3.** Light spills through to the dressing table. A Hydrotherm towel rail from Reece is a modern touch.



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light relief

Tying in *beautifully* with the rest of the home, this functional laundry is also a *delight* to spend time in

A pleasant and practical space belonging to a retired couple, this farmhouse laundry and mudroom on Sydney's northern outskirts really comes into its own when the kids and grandkids come to visit. After a day exploring outside, the family shed their muddy boots at the Dutch door, hang their coats on brass hooks and wash up at the deep butler's sink before heading inside for dinner. The washer and dryer, which are concealed within integrated joinery, get a workout, while delicate items are hung to dry in cupboards fitted with mesh inserts for airflow. Practicalities aside, designer Michael Kilkeary from Cadence & Co utilised natural materials in a soothing palette to ensure this would also be a beautiful space to look at. "As with the kitchen [see page 10] natural stone benchtops were a specific request from the owners," says Michael. "The palette was developed around this and is consistent with the overall colour scheme of the house." The room enjoys a peaceful outlook to the landscape, with large windows drawing in the breeze. "It's a lovely space to spend time in, which is an achievement for a hardworking laundry!" says Michael.

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The laundry opens to a covered breezeway that links to the garage and out to the paddocks. Shaker-style cabinets in Resene Lustacryl paint in Half Lemon Grass are fitted with Armac Martin 'Gaumont' handles from Mother Of Pearl & Sons Trading. The floors are tiled with 'Jurassic Truffle' tumbled limestone from Barefoot Living. >

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“While being completely practical, the owners also wanted this room to be a beautiful space,” says designer Michael, who achieved this with the addition of a large antique island as a furniture piece atop a vintage rug belonging to the owners. Panelled ceilings and a custom Dutch door contribute to the homely, country feel.

dream essentials

- 1. A Shaws fireclay sink from Reece is paired with Perrin & Rowe polished brass tapware from The English Tapware Company.
- 2. In a corner, a custom hanging space is accessed by bifold doors with mesh inserts for better airflow.
- 3. The antique island acts as a furniture piece to elevate the room’s aesthetic appeal.

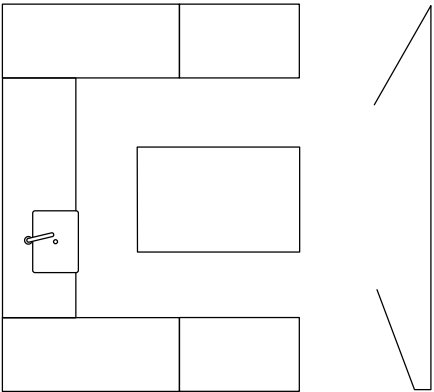


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FOLDING ZONE

An antique island adds to this laundry’s character, providing ample surface area for folding clothes and storage space underneath. With the ‘Calliope Hanging Shade’ pendant from Laura Kincade overhead, this furniture piece elevates the laundry well beyond a utilitarian space.