

# HIDDEN *depths*

BEAUTIFUL CABINETRY CONCEALS CLEVER STORAGE AND SLEEK APPLIANCES IN THIS SOPHISTICATED KITCHEN

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“CONTRASTING TEXTURES,  
DURABLE FINISHES AND A BOLD  
COLOUR PALETTE CREATES VISUAL  
INTEREST FOR THIS HIGH-USE ROOM”  
COCO REPUBLIC RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR DESIGN TEAM

*Design tip*  
One of the most effective redesign elements was bi-fold pocket doors to integrate the appliance/pantry cupboard. “This created a ‘hideaway’ butler’s pantry to store the bulky appliances the owners didn’t want on display, but needed easy access to,” explains the Coco Republic Residential Interior Design Team. Sleek Smeg appliances blend in seamlessly. “Larger appliances like the fridge or dishwasher can easily be concealed by cabinetry, whereas those typically on show, such as ovens, can be chosen tastefully to complement the rest of your design aesthetic,” says Smeg Australia’s managing director, Wayne Campbell. >



“THE KITCHEN CAN BE BOTH FUNCTIONAL AND STYLISH, WITH THE FLOW OF MANY HOUSES TREATING THE SPACE AS AN EXTENSION OF DINING AND LIVING AREAS”

WAYNE CAMPBELL, SMEG AUSTRALIA

**Crucial details**  
ONCE WEIGHED DOWN BY HEAVY CABINETRY AND GRANITE BENCHTOPS, THE REVITALISED KITCHEN NOW FEATURES CUSTOM CABINETRY IN RESENE DENIM BLUE, SMARTSTONE HONED BLANCO NATURALE ON THE ISLAND AND VEINED NEW SAVIOR HONED LIMESTONE, FROM CDK STONE, ACROSS THE SPLASHBACK AND BACK BENCHES.

**What's cooking?**  
GLEAMING APPLIANCES TAKE PRIDE OF PLACE WHERE ALL THE COOKING ACTION IS, INCLUDING THE SMEG 90CM CLASSIC AESTHETIC NATURAL GAS COOKTOP, SMEG 90CM CLASSIC AESTHETIC PYROLYTIC BUILT-IN OVEN AND SMEG 90CM UNDER CUPBOARD RANGEHOOD, ALL FROM WINNING APPLIANCES.

When the Coco Republic Residential Interior Design Team were approached by a Sydney family to undertake a whole house renovation, the brief for the kitchen was a little different to the norm. Rather than enlarge the kitchen, the clients wanted to reduce its dominant footprint. “The original kitchen design had a disjointed layout, didn’t allow for casual dining and took up a large portion of the living space, so the redesign improved spatial planning to enhance functionality,” explains the Residential Interior Design Team. By shrinking its footprint, the new open-plan area is more versatile with the option for family meals at the new island bench, or in the sun-infused dining area opposite. The inclusion of savvy floor-to-ceiling cabinetry and an integrated appliance cupboard, which doubles as a prep space, maximised storage capacity, with the deep denim blue palette providing a revitalised punchy backdrop. The finishing touch to the new space was key furniture pieces sourced from Coco Republic. A trio of ‘Markson’ kitchen stools in Smoke add an elegant feel, while a ‘Montara’ marble topped dining table and ‘Miam’ dining chairs suit casual gatherings.

#### Source book

**Interior design:** Coco Republic, 1300 000 220, [cocorepublic.com.au](http://cocorepublic.com.au).  
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## Beautiful KITCHENS



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