



A kitchen that touches the heart of the family

For the 2017 Auckland Home Show Colleen Holder was tasked with creating a kitchen that encouraged visitors to touch, showcasing products with textural and tactile quality.

The purpose of the design was to draw show visitors into the kitchen space, to create focal points and encourage interaction with the surfaces and discussion, to engage and intrigue. Each colour and finish used was different from the rough finish of the Caesarstone Rugged Concrete benchtop, through to the smooth finish of Formica ARtouch.

An industrial-inspired design, Rugged Concrete is a dark grey tone accentuated by dramatic gradients of soft texture and a white haze patina. In new rough matt surface finish, this

delivers the authentic, robust look of a 'hand poured concrete' benchtop with its high movement, robust industrial inspired design. Visually appealing, the surface invites the guest to touch it, but offers all the benefits that engineered stone has over real concrete, such as environmental credentials and an easy to clean nature.

The latest in laminate surfacing technology, Formica ARtouch is the opposite to Rugged Concrete's rough finish, and presents a super matte, soft touch finish that is both antimicrobial and anti-fingerprint - perfect for busy family kitchens! Visitors were astounded to see how well the benchtop performed when exposed to the fingerprints of thousands over the five days of the Home Show.

Holder selected Laminex finished timber veneer in Sabia Rigato for the

PROJECT

2017 Auckland Home Show Kitchen

DESIGN

Colleen Holder Design

FABRICATION

McGregor Kitchens Ltd

PRODUCTS USED

Caesarstone Rugged Concrete, Formica ARtouch laminate in Black, Laminam Moro Oxide, Laminex Finished Timber Veneer Sabia Rigato, Melteca laminated panels in Storm and Ebony Macassar

kitchen cabinetry - bringing a timber look and feel to the kitchen and an element of natural warmth to the space. In addition to providing the upscale look of timber, timber veneer



surfaces are more cost effective, more environmentally friendly and easier to clean - making them an ideal choice for New Zealanders.

The final detail was the use of Laminam Moro Oxide for a little luxury in the island-front. A ceramic tile from Italy, Laminam provided a metallic texture and luxe look, creating an eye-catching kitchen with a combination of textures that were both aesthetically appealing and immensely practical.

A hit with visitors to the show, this kitchen was designed to suit a modern Kiwi family, cooking, dining and relaxing together amongst warm and welcoming surroundings.