



Opulent city pad wins awards

When Nicola Manning began the complete refurbishment of this central Auckland apartment she relished in the double height space that provided an abundance of natural light, allowing her to choose darker colours and textures for the interior.

The client was after a 'luxurious city pad' retreat and sought to expand the existing compact kitchen, to set the scene for the rest of the apartment.

Inspired by a trip to Eurocucina in 2016, Manning wanted to use a mixture of textures: timber, copper, satin and stone. She wanted to create a sophisticated urban kitchen,

improving on the access, functionality and aesthetic of the existing space. Caesarstone engineered stone in Vanilla Noir was used for the benchtop surfaces, both the rear benchtop framing the hob and the oversized feature island. Manning loves the depth of colour and texture of this décor and how it provides a strong statement against the other dark finishes and rich textures in the space.

Non-porous, waterproof, mould and mildew resistant, Caesarstone never requires sealing, and provides a sleek, modern aesthetic. A ten year limited warranty provides peace of mind for homeowners and specifiers alike, and is backed by the knowledge and service of the Laminex NZ national technical team.

PROJECT

City pad retreat, central Auckland

DESIGNER

Nicola Manning, NM Design

PRODUCTS USED

Caesarstone, Formica 180fx

Another feature of the kitchen is the dramatic splashback in Formica 180fx Dolce Vita. Manning's favourite aspect of the design, the laminate is highly practical and easy to clean whilst providing a gorgeous texture and colour that pairs expertly with the Caesarstone benchtops. Exotic and moody, this large-scale granite pattern recalls the lyrical sweep of exotic wood



interspersed with fine quartz crystals. Misty grey, off-white and charcoal are touched with hints of grey-toned rose and dusky violet. LED strip lighting was used to give warmth to the space, complimented by the warm tones and texture of brass tiles executed in a chevron pattern on the island front and by soft furnishings used through the living space that is an extension of the kitchen. With dramatic city and harbour views to match the kitchen space it's no wonder that Manning's renovation won several awards at the 2017 National Kitchen and Bathroom Association (NKBA) awards including Colour Distinction and Kitchen Distinction \$25-\$40k.