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Stylish Starlight Black Kitchen



By day, this kitchen is the hub of family activity in this busy home. By night, and with the help of some clever lighting, it easily evolves into the centre of attention, setting the scene for a fancy dinner party or after work cocktails.

REFLECTING YOUR LIFESTYLE



In A Class of Its Own

This stylish kitchen was part of an overall renovation where the kitchen was relocated to the family living room.

To create this look we recommend:

- 40mm Quantum Quartz Starlight Black bench tops with mitred waterfall ends
- Matching splash back
- 5 groove drainer handcrafted by our professional tradesmen
- Undermount sink
- Gloss white cabinet doors and panels
- Stainless steel laminate kicks
- Stainless steel handles and appliances
- Down lights

The benefits of having a black and white kitchen are substantial. The colour selection will never be outdated and will go with any other colour if the walls are to be repainted.

Down lights provide the added advantage of changing the 'mood' of the kitchen with the flick of a switch.

The Quantum Quartz 'Starlight' range is known to come up beautifully under down lights, reflecting various colours.



Five Groove Drainer



Undermount Sink

From The Bosses

There have been a few staff changes in the office recently.

Meredith has left us again to pursue another season in the snowfields at Perisher Blue.

For those of you that do not know, Meredith has been with us on and off for the past four years. She has successfully manned several of our positions.

When she started with us back in 2007 straight out of school, she learnt all aspects of fitting bench tops.

Being handy with a tape measure, Mez also became our measurer and occasionally drove our truck and forklift.

After a brief stint in the snow, Meredith or 'Mez' as we affectionately know her, came back to take on the role of Sales Representative.

In 2010, she embarked on a journey to The States. Unable to keep her away, she returned to us later in the year and was offered the responsibility of scheduler which she accepted and excelled in.

We wish her well with her future endeavours but know we will see her around the ridges again soon.

For the time being we have taken over the quoting and scheduling.

Until next time

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Ask Doctor Phill

Can I put a hot saucepan straight from my stove on to my engineered stone bench top?

The following is an extract from the Quantum Quartz Care and Maintenance guide. This will answer your question.

Preventing damage to bench tops from heat

Quantum Quartz® is designed and manufactured to withstand moderate heat and the product is not heat proof. The Thermal shock resistance is increased with the increase of the used thickness of Quantum Quartz®, a slab with the thickness of 30 mm is far more resistant than a 10 mm slab Quantum Quartz® surface. Like any other composite material, Quantum Quartz® may be damaged by a sudden or lasting exposure to high temperatures, mainly at the edges and cut-outs of the product resulting in cracks. To prevent thermal shock, discolouration or other damages, it is necessary to use insulating pads when putting hot objects aside and not to expose the surface to open flames and prolonged contact with very hot pots. We always recommend using a hot pad or trivet, especially when using cooking units such as electric frying pans, crock pots, or roaster ovens. Source www.wk.com.au

Here at Mirror Stone we always recommend the use of a trivet and can supply a matching stone bread board with your kitchen for that very purpose.

Phill

Featured Stone

Travertine: The Hot Product of the Moment...

Sourced from Italy and Turkey, travertine is widely regarded as one of the world's most beautiful stones.

Origins: Travertine is a member of the limestone family as it is composed of calcium carbonate.

Applications: Vanities, bath surrounds, fire places, decorative finishes, flooring.

Very classy material for use in low traffic applications.

Although some kitchens have been manufactured in travertine, we do not recommend it due to its porous nature and soft physical attributes. It could stain or mark quite easily and is generally not up to 'food safe' standards.

We will only manufacture and install a travertine kitchen after the purchaser has been made aware of the composition of the stone and the extra care required to have it in a high food traffic area.



Appearance: Usually a light cream to tan colour, travertine can also range from pure white to deep mahogany.

Travertine can be manufactured in a range of finishes including polished, honed, sawn, tumbled and grit blasted. The most common are honed and polished.

The stone is quite often filled with a colour matched resin based filler as the open cavities (which give travertine its trademark look) are prone to trapping dirt and general grime. This allows for a consistent surface finish and makes cleaning much easier and effective without losing any of the stone's characteristic charm.

Travertine has a distinctively different appearance when cut in opposite orientations (i.e. cross cut as opposed to vein cut.)

For more information about travertine please contact our friendly staff.

Myth of The Moment

“Because engineered stone is virtually stain resistant, that means I can leave a coffee cup on the kitchen bench and if I don’t wipe the bench for a few hours it won’t leave a mark...”

A common misconception with stone is that because it is hardy and stain resistant, it won’t get dirty. Stone still needs to be regularly cleaned!!!

If a coffee mug, wine glass or even a wet newspaper is left on a stone bench top for a prolonged period it will leave a mark.

For everyday cleaning we can recommend ‘Selleys Stone Bench top’ cleaner which is a multipurpose spray that is safe to use on stone. This should be available at all good hardware stores and some supermarkets.

For more stubborn marks, Caesarstone and Quantum Quartz have their own cream cleanser. Here at Mirror Stone we use a similar product made by Amway called L.O.C. Soft Cleanser. Please call the office to find out more about this amazing product.

Apply a small amount of cleaner with a damp cloth to stone surface, rub gently in a circular motion, then wipe with a soft clean dry cloth. Use sparingly. For tough soils, let cleaner soak on soiled area for 1 minute.

We don’t recommend the use of ‘Jif’ as it is too abrasive.



After initial cleaning of any marks or food spills with the soft cream cleanser, the bench top should be wiped down with warm soapy water and buffed dry (to remove streaks) with a soft clean tea towel or wiped over with diluted methylated spirits (which will air dry itself).

The methylated spirits works wonders as it removes all residue left from the stone cleaner and generally leaves a streak free shine.

We now have EFTPOS facilities for your convenience. Contact the office for full details



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