

In this space, classic meets contemporary in a look that blends panelled cabinets and marble with modern elements to bring a casual elegance into the heart of the home



THE TREND There's no doubt about it, a white or pale grey kitchen that incorporates natural materials is a chic but safe choice. The new direction in neutral kitchens looks to details like leather door pulls to update panelled doors and island benches with furniture-like detailing to give marble benchtops a new look. **WHY IT WORKS** The bright cabinets are warmed up by the honey-coloured timbers and brass stools. Black legs on the island bench and black tapware help to anchor the look. Note that there's a good balance of glossy and matte surfaces in this kitchen. This keeps the overall feel calming.

TRY IT IF You want the best of both worlds: classic and contemporary.

SPLURGE ON A custom-designed island bench that will be the centre of attention. **SAVE ON** The sink! If you're going for an undermount sink that is mostly hidden, an inexpensive option will do the job. →



TOP LEFT Oliveri double bowl undermount **sink** (78.5cm x 45.5cm), \$822, The Good Guys. Varv clamp **spotlight** in Brass, \$45, Ikea. **ABOVE FROM LEFT** Marble look salad **bowl**, \$24.95, Harvey Norman. Anki **serving set** in Grey, \$49.95, CO:Home. Electrolux "EHG953SA" 90cm gas **cooktop**, \$848, The Good Guys. H 2661 B CleanSteel 60cm **oven**, \$1999, Miele. Barton marble **serving board**, \$69.95, Country Road. Ferm Living "Hexagon" **bottle opener**, \$48, Amara. Mizu "Drift" **sink mixer** in Black, \$362, Reece. RF610ADUSX5 614L French door **fridge** (90cm x 1.79m x 73cm), \$3599, Fisher & Paykel.

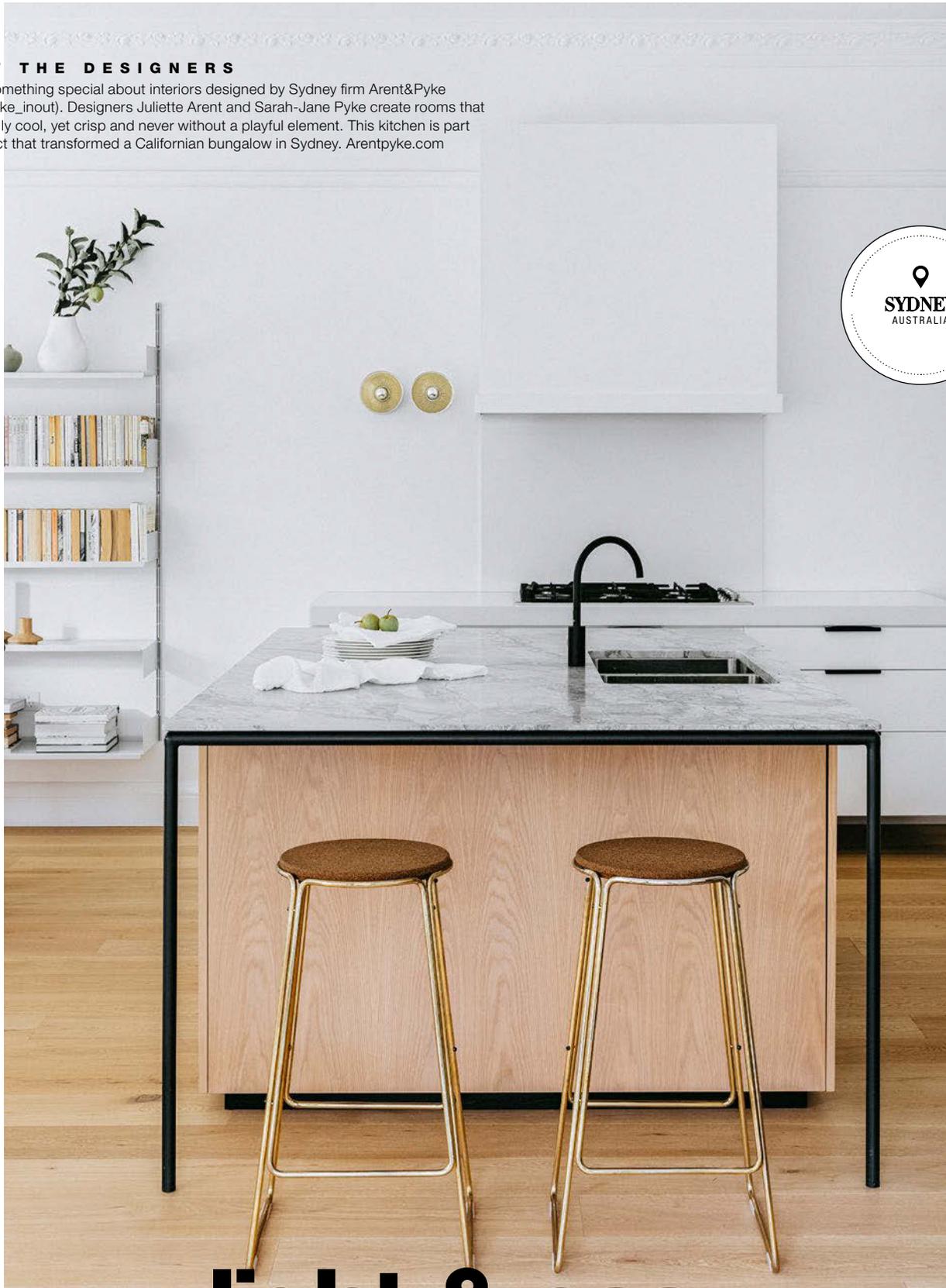


Colours and finishes

FROM LEFT Carrara honed **marble** in White/Cream, from \$250 a sq m, SNB Stone. Corian **benchtop** in Glacier White, from \$165 a sq m. Senso Lifestyle Timber clear vinyl sheet **flooring**, \$57.20 a m (3m wide), Bunnings. Kaboodle 300mm "Country" **cabinet door** in Nougat Truffle, \$89.23, Bunnings.

MEET THE DESIGNERS

There's something special about interiors designed by Sydney firm Arent&Pyke (@arentpyke_inout). Designers Juliette Arent and Sarah-Jane Pyke create rooms that are casually cool, yet crisp and never without a playful element. This kitchen is part of a project that transformed a Californian bungalow in Sydney. Arentpyke.com



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