

A NEW KITCHEN that functions well, has classic lines and is sympathetic to the original features of the house — that was the brief the owners of this home gave to designer Michael Attard from Attards Cabinetry.

The previous kitchen was compressed into a corner in a standard U-shaped design. There was limited bench space to work on and a small table squeezed into the family room side of the area with barely

enough room to sit around. Not only that, the kitchen looked out across a courtyard that could be seen but not accessed.

Opening the internal space to the outside was one of the biggest design challenges Attards faced in this project, with the other main obstacle being space. With only a small amount of room to work with, plus the owners wanting to include large appliances in their kitchen, managing the space effectively was critical.

Happily, the new kitchen has all the features the owners wanted. It looks great, with smooth lines and a streamlined look dominating. The microwave, pantry and refrigerator are all seamlessly installed in a semi-concealed position, to help maximise the space.

An island and table have been cleverly incorporated as one, which again serves to fit as many features as possible into the limited area. Separate cooking and



preparation zones increase practicality, while the windows have been replaced with French doors. This helps to bring the outside in and also filters in much more natural light.

"The kitchen and the informal living zone have now combined as one to give seamless integration," says Attard. "It's interesting and surprising how hard it is to design a kitchen and other rooms with such simple lines that look great and function even better."

Happily for this homeowner, it's a problem the designer has well and truly overcome.





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The kitchen was designed by Michael Attard and built by ATTARD'S CABINETRY 1/7 Bonz Place, Seven Hills NSW 2147

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