



## Kitchen with wow factor

**Before Kris and Neale Davy began the build for their new home in Christchurch, they'd done their research and had a strong idea of their dream kitchen.**

Visiting many open homes and collecting imagery from magazines as well as online sources provided a wealth of inspiration, the perfect starting point for when they approached Leith Joinery to assist with the joinery for both the main kitchen and walk-in butler's pantry, as well as the laundry. Neale is a builder with over 35 years' experience, and is building the home himself. He looked to Jeremy Harrison of J&A Design to help with the overall home design, as well as the plans for the kitchen and laundry.

The Davys wanted a kitchen with wow factor, but that was also practical: user-friendly, functional and easy to clean with lots of storage and excellent lighting. Most important from a design perspective were straight lines, and Kris's desire for the island to be non-intrusive. They were after something up-market and stylish, but tasteful without compromising on functionality.

The Davys were fond of high gloss surfaces and so matched a gloss painted cabinet exterior with Melteca laminated panels in Snowdrift in a Hi-Gloss finish for the interior.

Laminex Solid Surface in Clara was chosen for the main benchtop. From the recently introduced Stratum collection, Clara is a mesmerizing white pattern inspired by the natural

### PROJECT

Davy Kitchen, Christchurch

### DESIGN & PRODUCTION

Neale Davy, J&A Design  
& Leith Joinery

### PRODUCTS USED

Laminex Solid Surface,  
Melteca Hi-Gloss

movement in igneous rock. As well as providing a dramatic wow factor, Laminex Solid Surface is antimicrobial and easy to clean, and its thermoformability means that an approved fabricator can repair minor blemishes. This gave the Davys the modern, designer kitchen they were after with all of the functional benefits they required.



The bulkhead and negative detail around the back wall of joinery gives the illusion it is floating in its own space. The area is balanced by the adjustable shelf pantry at one end with the inbuilt steam oven and browning oven at the other. Between these sits the large induction cooktop, with a hidden rangehood above.

The island unit was produced as the

focal point for the kitchen. Using Laminex Solid Surface in Clara for the waterfall ends and then combining 26 pieces of mitred Laminex Solid Surface in Slate Grey gives tasteful flair to the kitchen, without being overly dramatic. This surface echoes through into the pantry, whereas the darker Laminex Solid Surface Tierra has been used in the laundry in contrast. A glass

splashback in 'Pohutukawa Red' adds warmth to the space.

Both the Davys and Peter Leith were incredibly happy with the finished kitchen, as was Jeremy Harrison. The island feature in Laminex Solid Surface was the unanimous favourite element of the design and project, and is sure to see many gatherings of family and friends in the years to come.