

Design delicacies

KITCHEN INSPIRATION

cast your eyes on this collection of kitchens designed for beauty, practicality and longevity.

1 Von Leach Residence by Amelda Wilde

Interior Design

A Californian bungalow with a century's worth of patina and scars, this house is home to a family that loved it at first sight. The brief to design its interior was therefore guided by a desire to preserve and amplify its authentic charm, atmosphere and character. Using strategic contrasts across colour, light, material and proportion, interventions embrace imperfection to craft a kitchen meant for long-term, robust family use. Arts and Crafts ideals of creating and curating pieces to pass down through generations are, literally, built into the design; the stone splashback and floating overhead exhaust fan are both unique and durable. Owner Matthew Leach of Von Steel fabricated the portal frame, subfloor, stainless steel cabinetry and other elements on site. Although the kitchen's steel elements seem minimalist, their imperfect silver finish was hand-brushed so that, like the well-loved existing floor and skirting boards, it will develop beautiful blemishes inflicted by family life.

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