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Kim Duffin talks updating interiors by creating connections between living areas and their new owners.

THIS SKY HOME with stunning views over the river and botanical gardens captures the maturity now found in inner city living in Brisbane. After living and working for the best part of the last decade in Europe and Asia, the inhabitants of the apartment decided to live in Brisbane upon their return to Australia.

They felt that the city had thrived in their absence and could now offer them a cosmopolitan lifestyle they had enjoyed overseas. Therefore it was important that their new home also reflect this through modern design and functionality.

The original layout of the kitchen was typical for apartments built 20 years ago. The space was restricted by the collection of small rooms that didn't take advantage of the views or the need for

a strong connection between living areas.

The brief given to Kim Duffin from Kim Duffin Design, was simple: create a space where entertaining can be done effortlessly while allowing for a greater connection between the kitchen, dining and living spaces to the balcony and views of the river/gardens.

The homeowners wanted to see what they liked about the countries they had visited to be reflected in their new space. They also had beautiful furniture and art works, collected both here and overseas, that they wanted to complement the kitchen.

The key elements that bring the design to life are the colour palette of green and blue plus the custom design bamboo printed glass splashback. Both of these elements reflect the homeowners'

love of the orient. These elements tie in their extensive collection of Asian art and collectables plus keep the space fresh and modern. The cabinet design, linear and defined, then brings the contemporary influences often seen in European kitchen design.

A typical galley kitchen design was selected as it best catered for how the space relates to the hallway (moving between entry door, bedrooms and living areas). The flow from the start point at the rear of the space (housing ingredients in the pantry/fridge) to preparation then delivery to the dining area is seamless.

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