

# SIMPLY SUBLIME

The owners of this new-build contemporary home wanted a kitchen that would suit their small family during the week while also being large and sophisticated enough to entertain friends and family at the weekend

When the bi-fold doors are open the bespoke outdoor table becomes an extension of the kitchen island blurring the divide between the interior and exterior. The cabinetry that runs along the wall of the kitchen continues outside where a sink and barbeque are housed



## THE owners

This newly built five-bedroom family home is situated in a rural hamlet, which has all the benefits of being in the country while remaining close enough to access the city. The three-storey building is home to a married couple and their two children.



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elocating to a rural area away from the daily hustle and bustle of the city gave the owners of this large new-build home the chance to have their dream kitchen. The small family of four wanted a practical kitchen that would suit their needs during the week, but that would also look sophisticated so they would be proud to entertain friends and family at the weekends.

Kim Duffin, director at Sublime Architectural Interiors, was called on to bring the family's vision to life. It was important right from the planning stage to create a modern kitchen that would not

only be functional for the hosts and their guests, but also to design a kitchen that would work aesthetically with the rest of the building. "The brief included showcasing the natural exterior elements that surround the house," explains Kim. "My aim was to design a space that complemented the modern exterior and incorporate linear features to mirror the rest of the interior."

A simple white colour scheme was chosen for all the surfaces. "White is timeless," says Kim. "It's also neutral and will not compete with the featured surrounds". The island front is in 80mm-thick Quasar White Staron – a man-made solid surface



material – while the matching door fronts are much thinner and therefore considerably lighter at 12mm thick. The worktop that runs continuously from the inside to the outside is 40mm-thick Aspen Glacier Staron.

Aluminium channelling that runs throughout the cabinetry and door panels connects the inside and outside. "The aluminium provides a strong linear line that draws the eye in and around the kitchen, and then to the cabinets outside," explains Kim. The same aluminium has been used to frame the glass sliding doors that conceal the walk-in pantry and breakfast hub.

Storage has been carefully considered so food and smaller appliances are easily accessible during the week and can be attractively hidden when guests are visiting. A breakfast hub and walk-in pantry are concealed behind aluminium framed frosted glass sliding doors that surround the integrated fridge freezer. The pantry has a smaller depth than the main kitchen so for continuity an up-stand was created between the worktop and windowed splashback



## THE designer

“Lighting is key, so be sure to think about the light in your room and where it is coming from. Consider whether you have the space to create a great connection between the indoors and outdoors.”

**Kim Duffin, director, Sublime Architectural Interiors**



Lighting was a key element so Kim sought to bring in as much natural light as possible however this wasn't without its challenges. "The kitchen is situated on the south-eastern side of the home so it would traditionally be dark," explains Kim. "It was decided quickly to use a fixed window as the splashback to overcome the darkness and to catch the morning sun." The window is framed by appliances and a flyover which houses the extractor – the window continues over the appliances too so that the kitchen remains connected to the outside at all times.

The kitchen is divided into distinct zones so there is plenty of room for multiple people to prep, cook and serve while interacting with guests. The kitchen perfectly balances the needs of the small family with their desire to host friends and family. "Whether the owners are preparing a family lunch or hosting a grand party the kitchen is ready for any occasion."

## THE details

Kitchen design by Kim Duffin, director at Sublime Architectural Interiors, including bespoke cabinetry doors and drawer fronts in 12mm-thick Quasar White Staron and windowed splashback [sublimegroup.com.au](http://sublimegroup.com.au)

Smeg IS505X extractor, SIHP294S hob, S45MFX2 oven, SA45VX2 steam oven, SA45MCX2 microwave, SMS45X coffee machine and VSTQ72-2 outdoor sink [smeguk.com](http://smeguk.com)

Samsung SRS691GD1S side-by-side fridge freezer [samsung.com/uk/home](http://samsung.com/uk/home)

Austaron bespoke 12mm-thick Staron worktops in Aspen Glacier, and doors and drawer fronts in Quasar White, A1231 and A1181 sinks [austaron.com.au](http://austaron.com.au)

Methven Kiri indoor sink x2 and Minimalist outdoor sink [methven.com/uk](http://methven.com/uk)