



Balancing act

Contrasting materials and textures, combined with high functionality, bring harmony to this new kitchen designed and manufactured by Kitchen Link

Above: Old meets new – this traditional bungalow was extensively renovated by Dixon Wild Architects to open up to the outdoors. A new kitchen, designed by Kitchen Link, was a key part of the project. Designer Denise Piper-Smith says great care was taken to meld the traditional elements, such as the skirting boards and architraves, with the modern additions.

Right: The dark oak veneer cabinet stores crockery and glassware.

Introducing a contemporary kitchen to an older bungalow can give a household a whole new lease of life. This was precisely the case for this bungalow, which has undergone an extensive remodelling project designed by Dixon Wild Architects and Kitchen Link, Auckland.

Kitchen designer Denise Piper-Smith of Kitchen Link says the entire family living

area was opened up to the outdoors and the kitchen repositioned in the hub of the home close to the laundry and the internal entry from the garage.

“The kitchen needed to cater to everyday family life and entertaining,” she says. “It needed to have a good flow and be easy to work in.”

Visual continuity was also essential, so Piper-Smith specified materials that appear on



cabinetry in adjoining areas. These include dark-stained oak veneer with a gloss finish, and white gloss lacquer teamed with Silestone Lagoon benchtops, which are warm white with soft grey veining.

Textural timber slats on the front of the island reflect the light and add introduce another visual dimension.

Functionality is assured by ample counter space and a

scullery behind sliding doors, which is used for dry goods storage. Large drawers and a crockery and glassware pantry are also right at hand.

Kitchen Link has more than 10 years’ experience in designing and building kitchens in its own showroom factory. The firm specialises in high-quality cabinetry, which can be minimalist, contemporary, classic or traditional.

Kitchen Link oversees every aspect of the design, manufacture and installation, and offers a 5-year warranty.

For more details or to visit the showroom factory, contact Kitchen Link, 11 Volkner Pl, Albany, Auckland 1025, phone (09) 476 7464. Or visit the web: www.kitchenlink.co.nz.

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Top and above: Kitchen Link specified lacquered base cabinets, which wrap around the kitchen, creating a highly functional work triangle. The sink is positioned so the owners can enjoy the view through the large sliding glass doors.

Above left: A scullery beside the kitchen accommodates the dry goods storage. Another door in the scullery leads to the laundry, which makes it easy for the owners to multi task as they prepare meals.