



Country fare

Hearty meals guaranteed – a large wood-burning range is at the centre of this kitchen designed and manufactured by Kitchen Link

The design brief for this kitchen was all about making it light and contemporary, but the focal point – a large wood-burning range – was neither of these things.

This dichotomy provided the main challenge for designer Denise Piper-Smith of Kitchen Link.

“Everything had to revolve around the huge oven,” she says. “Because it burns wood, we disguised a log bin as part of the kitchen cabinetry. This unit, on the right of the oven, has extra heavy-duty runners and can be wheeled out to refill. It features



negative detailing on the front so it aligns visually with the rest of the cabinets.”

Pantry storage is provided in a bank of cabinets, with a new window overhead helping to lighten this side of the kitchen.

Other key features include a dramatic Moose granite benchtop, with fine copper threads and translucent flecks, and a trough for storing chopping boards.

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 five-year warranty.

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Facing page, top and above: This new kitchen was designed for a family that loves to entertain. Designer Denise Piper-Smith of Kitchen Link says the entire room was made lighter with the introduction of new windows and skylights. The original dark wood cabinets were replaced with contemporary, lacquered units. The pantry, on the side wall, incorporates bench space, and provides ample storage, which is ideal for a household living in the country.

Facing page, lower: The kitchen was designed around a new wood-burning range. The custom rangehood accommodates two power packs.