

Whether it's the warm familiarity of timber or that ageless blend of blue and white, the

modern classic

is here to stay. These are kitchens that will stand the test of time

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balancing act Architect Jean-Henri Morin used a mix of materials in this 30s-style kitchen. Rich jarrah benchtops contrast with stainless steel splashbacks and, on the floor, jarrah parquetry is patterned into squares by narrow strips of terracotta, inset with mosaic tiles. Contrasting colours are also used; a strong teal defines the opening between the kitchen and dining area and a sunny yellow highlights a nook under the staircase which is used for kitchen storage. The stainless steel of the splashback is repeated in the live oven and cooktop, and curved pot rails make practical use of the kitchen's corners. Designed by Jean-Henri Morin, SMS Architects, Melbourne, Vic, phone (03) 9820 8155, or Mosman, NSW, phone (02) 9969 1720; interior designer Louise McLaren, phone (03) 9853 6272; jarrah benchtops; stainless steel splashback by Veitch Industries, Reservoir, Vic; Ilve oven and cooktop; Bisazza glass mosaic tiles from Buckley Ceramics, Prahran, Vic; terracotta floor tiles; walls painted in Dulux Cobar and Teal.

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