

he fear of being boxed in led to the colourful contemporary design of this Sydney kitchen, created by interior designer Greg Natale for a married couple and their young daughter. While the exterior of this home is angular, with a modern palette of concrete and black cladding, the interior feels fluid. "The home is in a beautiful spot oriented to look over Sydney Harbour," shares Greg, who adds that the homeowners are avid entertainers looking for wow-factor. "They wanted all the affordances of modern living but wanted to avoid living in an 'all-white box'."

With a brief that called for "meaningful colour and textural depth", Greg took inspiration from the vistas of bushland and ocean. The owners loved Tiffany blue so a custom moldavite crystal quartzite, supplied by the joiner, was used for the island bench, inside the pantry and as a border around the joinery. "This stone picks up on the colours of the ocean and surrounding greenery, strengthening the connection between the interior spaces and the exterior environment," says Greg.

The stone is showstopping, perfectly contrasting against the routed timber profile of the joinery, which was finished in Dulux Black with 30 per cent gloss satin. This sleek yet subtly textural joinery conceals the pantry, ensuring the kitchen looks clean and tidy no matter whether the couple is hosting guests or having a quiet night alone with their daughter.

After 18 months of work across the home, the project was finished in March, 2024. "The homeowners love their kitchen, especially the colour of the stone," shares Greg. While diamonds may be a girl's best friend, Tiffany blue is even better.

## DESIGNER'S TIP

Opening the pantry doors leads to a dramatic reveal: even more of the stunning custom moldavite crystal quartzite. Greg loves this material for a hardworking kitchen. "The stone is a quartzite, which is great in kitchens as it's very durable, easy to clean and won't stain easily," he explains. >



From left Dulux Wash&Wear paint in Black, \$123.05 /4L. Lambert & Fils 'Laurent 06' pendant, \$4380, Living Edge. 'Elysian' commercial pull-out kitchen mixer in Matte Black, \$559.90, ABI Interiors. 'Esmeralda' honed quartzite slab, \$560/sqm, Marble Hub. 'Debbie' vase, \$350, Greg Natale. Tom Dixon 'Fat' bar stool, \$2800, Living Edge. 'Geo' bowl in Teal, \$199, Fazeek. Exclusive grey concrete espresso maker, \$2090, Ssense.



