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URBAN ROMANCE

A surprising source of inspiration sparked a design idea that places this kitchen firmly at the heart of its surroundings.

STORY *Debbie Duncan* | PHOTOGRAPHY *Chris Warnes*

A gritty laneway that runs along the rear of this home in Sydney's Inner West was the catalyst for the kitchen redesign by Eva-Marie Prineas of Studio Prineas. "The refined resolution of the kitchen connects to the graffitied laneway energy in an unexpected and joyful way," says Eva-Marie. Plenty of space to gather and prepare meals as a family was top of the brief and the generous island bench well and truly caters to that, while walls of joinery ensure the everyday clutter of family life can be easily stowed away. The white joinery wall cleverly doubles as a calming backdrop for the highly detailed island. In contrast, the rich hues of Dulux Moroccan Leather on the island base and Rosso Orobico marble on top reference the external red bricks and industrial character of the home's surrounds. And the owners? "After years of dreaming, they finally have a home they love to live in and are proud to share with their family and friends," says Eva-Marie.
Studio Prineas: studioprineas.com.au. Riverside Building & Design: riversidebuilding.com.au.

KITCHEN *design notes*

JOINERY Laminex Calm White. NAV Navurban Classic American Oak. Island in Laminex 'Surround' demi-round in Dulux Moroccan Leather, Concept Design Kitchens & Joinery.

BENCHTOP Fenix Bianco KOS, Fenix for Interiors.

ISLAND BENCHTOP Rosso Orobico marble, Art of Marble.

SPLASHBACK Laminex Calm White.

HARDWARE 'Strand' handles, Linear Standard.

APPLIANCES Gaggenau cooktop, rangehood and ovens, all Winnings.

SINK Franke 'Maris' single bowl sink, Winnings.

TAPWARE Abey 'Gareth Ashton' mixer, Winnings.

LIGHTING 'Tile Linear' pendant light in Terracotta, South Drawn.

FURNITURE 'Hof' bar stool, Great Dane.

ARTWORK Hannah Lange.

FLOORS Hyde Chevron boards, Havwoods.