



*Designer's tip*  
"We used Armac Martin 'Leebank' handles in Burnished Brass from The English Tapware Company to complement the gold veining that runs through the stone," explains Vanessa. The unlacquered finish pairs well with the Designcraft brass legs on the GamFratesi for Gubi 'Beetle' bar stools.

# ART IMITATES LIFE

A FAMILY BASED IN CANBERRA ENJOY THE COLOURS OF NATURE WITHIN THEIR NEW GREEN SPACE

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Having left their family home and garden for a penthouse eight storeys up, the professional couple who own this home turned to interior designer Vanessa Hawes and architect Paul Tilse from Paul Tilse Architects to transform a narrow galley kitchen into a space that was both functional and beautiful. The owners have two adult children, with one still living at home, and there are often three cooks in the kitchen.

"We are a family that loves to cook," say the homeowners. "We love to gather our family and friends at home, in planned and spontaneous ways, and we needed a kitchen that worked well, looked great and had space for one cook or many." To enlarge the area, Paul used a corridor to house two new pantry cupboards and pushed the island further into the dining space to create a wider galley. Display shelving was also removed to make way for a Sub-Zero integrated fridge from Winnings. "The end result was more bench space and storage as well as more integrated appliances," shares Paul. Plus, opposite the kitchen on the other side of the dining area, the family now have a bar area.

When it came to selecting materials, the homeowners were unafraid to embrace colour, choosing Da Vinci quartzite from Vero Galleria for the benchtop, splashback and range hood front, in a hue that reminds them of the ocean. "It's the exact colour that you see when diving through summer waves on the NSW South Coast and brings us joy each day," they tell us. And the finished kitchen is exactly what they wanted. "Good design developed around how we live and cook, and has delivered a beautiful kitchen that fits us like a glove." >

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1. Da Vinci quartzite slab, \$1192.40/3.19m x 1.97m, Vero Galleria.
2. Hansgrohe 'Aquno Select M81' kitchen mixer in Stainless Steel with pull-out spout, \$2555, Harvey Norman.
3. 'Kasney' bar stool in Grey, \$429, Domayne.
4. Plantino 'Native Landmark' flooring in Brushbox, \$134.20/sqm, Choices Flooring.
5. Chasseur copper saucepan, \$249/14cm, Living by Design.
6. Canvas + Sasson 'Lune Venice' vase in Jade, \$39/large, Home Goods Hardware.



Crucial details

"Combining the green Da Vinci quartzite from Vero Galleria with the deep grey tones of Porter's Paints Ramshead helped to calm the stone's strong presence and made it a moody and sophisticated palette," says Vanessa. Evener Rare joinery in Romano from Elton Group adds a light touch.



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