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Renovating means making the most of what you've got. Renée Bilston looks at two different takes on the heart of the home, and discovers it's wise to put your money where your mouth is.



Architect Keith Glover and interior designer Trudi Scrymgour needed to transform a disorganised, secluded 25-year-old kitchen into a modern, functional space. And it all had to be done in a small section of a semi-detached Sydney terrace.

The partners, whose other projects include converting an electrical sub-station into a residence, used some of the initial ideas of the owner, Rob Kelly, to produce a free-standing box of interlocking L-shapes that also contains the kitchen and bathroom. "We wanted to give the kitchen an identity," says Glover. "By making it stand alone it becomes almost like a piece of furniture."

This was important to Kelly, who regards the kitchen as an extension of the living area because of the small size of the terrace. However, it's possible to hide the kitchen altogether by closing the box's four shadow-pak glass sliding doors. Features such as a corridor down two sides of the box, and the ability to walk the whole way around, lend a curious feeling of spaciousness.

To update the look, stainless steel was used around the stove and the sink, the benchtops were made of carrara marble and the joinery was finished in white 2-pak polyurethane. Although storage space is minimal, extra cupboards were built into the living area to house additional kitchenware.



Appliances

Dishwasher: Blanco, stainless steel. Tap set: Vola, chrome-plated. Upright stove: iivo. Recessed Uplighter: Kreon. Downlights: Kreon.

Finishes

Sliding doors: white sprayed polyurethane. Benchtops: contrasting

stainless steel (with integrated sink) and carrara marble.

Underbench doors: white sprayed polyurethane. Upper sliding doors: carrara splashback with white vitrolite glass.

Total Cost

\$20-25,000 is an approximate value for the

kitchen, as it was part of a larger renovation that included the bathroom.

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