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*Ponsonby*  
**KITCHEN**  
*by Jessop Architects*

Photography by Jamie Cobel








**K**itchens in open-plan living spaces look great in magazines. The cleaner's been, the stylists have done their stuff, and the photographer's picked a perfect day for the shoot. But how does it look on a rainy night in July? – Well, this one looks pretty good.

The key, according to architect Darren Jessop, is that 'all the things you don't want to see, or need to see' sit behind a wall of floor-to-ceiling joinery that has been designed to look like a large piece of furniture. The pulls for the drawers and cupboards have been milled into the doors, adding to the furniture look and giving a Scandinavian feel to the space.

"All the operational stuff sits on the island," says Jessop.

"Normally, I wouldn't put a hob on the island, but the clients wanted it there. To deal with the cooking odours, we installed a pop-up down-draught extractor into the island, and that works really well."

The extra-deep island (1400mm) accommodates a large sink as well as the hob. It's also double-sided, in that there's a pull-out drinks fridge on the lounge side, so you don't need to go into the kitchen for a top-up. There's ample seating for four at one end as well, making it a very social space to hang out.

A sleek LED strip light over the island adds an elegant finishing touch to this kitchen. It's practical too, as it has two modes – full-on task lighting when needed, or a softer mood light that automatically comes on as you enter the room. 

## Material Selector

**01**  
**Fisher & Paykel**  
**ActiveSmart Fridge**  
**900mm French Door with**  
**Ice & Water**

\$4599  
 kitchenthings.co.nz

**02**  
**Endless 30+ 254 Black**  
**pendant light**

\$1275.88 plus GST  
 inlite.co.nz

**03**  
**Stained oak veneer**  
**custom cabinetry with**  
**satin finish**

\$POA  
 woodstar.co.nz

**04**  
**Gaggenau AL400 90cm**  
**table ventilation extractor**

\$5995  
 gaggenau.com/nz



### Practice

#### Jessop Architects

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#### Practice profile

Jessop Architects is an award-winning, Auckland-based practice with a commitment to excellence. The design process tends to be a fun collaboration between our inhouse architects and the client. Our architecture can be

considered modern pacific rim, with classic lines resulting in timeless structures.

#### Project team

Darren Jessop, Vance Bentley,  
 Leigh van Duyn

#### Builder

Dave Williams, Omega  
 Construction

#### Consultants

**Engineer:** Don Davidson  
 Engineers

#### Kitchen manufacturer:

Gordon Ridler, Woodstar

#### Products

**Cabinetry:** Custom oak veneer,  
 stained and with satin finish;  
 Caesarstone (island)

**Splashback:** Heritage Tiles

**Benchtops:** Silestone

**Flooring:** Oak

**Paints and varnishes:** Resene

**Lighting:** Inlite

**Taps:** Metrix

**Oven and cooktop:** Fisher & Paykel

**Refrigeration:** Fisher & Paykel

**Dishwasher:** Fisher & Paykel

**Ventilation:** Gaggenau AL400  
 90cm table ventilation

**Water dispenser:** Metrix

#### Time schedule

**Design & Planning:** 6 months

**Construction:** 10 months

#### Project areas:

**Site size:** 416m<sup>2</sup>

**Project size:** 169m<sup>2</sup>