

ISLANDS OF STYLE FOR THE KITCHEN - CAESARSTONE CREATES A BENCHMARK

The kitchen island began its meteoric rise, from obscurity to kitchen hero, in the 1980s – in part due to the ascendancy of open plan living and the need to create a point of delineation between spaces.



The island was to change the role of the kitchen – it introduced a central stage for cooking, eating and entertaining while disrupting the conventional 'triangle' approach to kitchen design.

Today, according to Caesarstone, pioneer of one of the world's most popular kitchen bench materials, the island is the focal point of 50 per cent of all kitchens - and often houses everything from the sink and dishwasher to cooktop and oven.



The island bench can take on grand proportions or be more discreet, with the benchtop's thickness and profile being as integral to the overall design as the material itself.

Caesarstone quartz surfaces are a preferred choice for island benches, not only for the variety of colours and textures available, but for their versatility in terms of creating exactly the right profile and dimensions required.



The list of options in profiles is almost endless – from the slim, sleek shark nose or refined pencil edge to the bold, graphic apron or sophisticated shadow line edge. Then there's the bullnose, the half bullnose, the splayed, the arris and the lamb's tongue!

Some profiles, such as the shark nose, can appear to be as thin as 6mm and create a 'floating' aesthetic, while the pencil edge can be given a radius of just 3 to 4mm to soften the otherwise sharp edge. At the end of the scale is the super thick, robust apron edge which can be 800mm or even more. The fact is though, they all come from a 20mm slab of Caesarstone!

The secret is in the laminated or mitred join – a means of joining two pieces of Caesarstone permanently and virtually seamlessly. The laminated edge, where two pieces are stacked on top of each other, is the strongest join and creates a very bold, robust look. The mitred edge - where two pieces of quartz are cut on an angle and then joined at a 90 degree corner – produces a virtually seamless result.



Caesarstone's most popular quartz surfaces for bold, statement making island benches are found in its latest collection, Metropolitan. A series of eight designs, Metropolitan is inspired by the rough, tough, unpolished textures found in industrial architecture – think concrete with all the inherent beauty of textural effects, aged patinas and oxidised accents.

And for the more elegant, refined kitchen Caesarstone's marble and terrazzo surfaces are in high demand. Colours vary from the deeply dramatic Vanilla Noir, Piatra Grey and Turbine Grey to the sophisticated whites, with varying degrees of grey veining, such as Statuario Maximus, White Attica and Calacatta Nuvo.



There are 48 finishes and colours in all, each designed specifically for today's kitchen designs – and each with durability, longevity and ease of maintenance at the top of the brief.

“Caesarstone is that rare combination of design versatility and unrivalled durability. No matter the finish – from marble to concrete, terrazzo to granite inspired – this quartz surface is a designer's dream in terms of the sheer scope of installations it is so suited to,” said Linda Hannah, brand manager, Caesarstone Australia.

Go to www.caesarstone.com.au for more details.

Caesarstone is committed to the highest safety and environmental standards and carries the ISO 14001 international standard for environmental management and performance.

Caesarstone is a publicly traded company on the NASDAQ. The company's surfaces and products are sold in over 48 countries worldwide. Established in 1987, Caesarstone pioneered the original quartz surface and continues to be a leading developer and manufacturer of premium surfaces. Caesarstone surfaces consist of up to 93% quartz and utilize advanced technologies and proprietary know-how. The surfaces are highly functional, design forward and have endless application possibilities including kitchen bench tops, bathroom vanities, flooring, wall paneling, furniture and more.

With diverse collections there is no limit to choice. The unique and rich variety of colours and patterns gives each customer the ability to find their 'ultimate surface' and create their own unique interior environment. Caesarstone's extensive designs are constantly evolving and developing to meet the latest world trends and the highest level of international quality standards.

Caesarstone® quartz surfaces are available across all states of Australia and also New Zealand.

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