



**Left:** A striking colour feature, created using (from left to right) Resene Bright Lights, Resene Adrenalin, Resene Havoc, Resene Buttercup and Resene Happy. The lower cabinets are Resene Black White and the front of the kitchen island is Resene Half Bokara Grey.

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|  Resene Adrenalin     |  Resene Happy            |
|  Resene Havoc         |  Resene Half Bokara Grey |
|  |  Resene Black White      |

**Tired of seeing** a seemingly endless parade of white kitchens? Homeowners Daniel and Kate Bristow-Smith certainly were, so when they built their new home earlier this year, they made a bold departure by not only using one bright colour, but five of them – Resene Bright Lights, Resene Adrenalin, Resene Havoc, Resene Buttercup and Resene Happy.

The colours are cleverly arranged on overhead cupboards so that they are seen as staggered blocks of colour along the back wall of the kitchen. The idea was inspired by an image found online by the couple, and the kitchen was drawn up by Daniel, who has an architectural background.

White isn't completely absent from the kitchen, with all of the lower cabinets finished in Resene Black White, and a White Pearl Trendstone island bench. At first, the front of the island bench was also white but on advice from Debbie Daly from Rawcraft Kitchens, that was changed to Resene Half Bokara Grey. Says Daniel: "The colour has a soft warm edge to it, which we preferred over a dense black."

Faceted glossy black tiles from the Tile Warehouse and a slender reflective stainless steel bench add extra drama to the space, balancing out the strength of the fiery colours overhead.

To finish off the look, Kate was able to find metal barstools in colours that match the overhead cupboards, as well as an orange woodburning stove by Pyroclassic Fires for the adjoining living area.

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