



## *The yellow bikini*

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This tiny apartment's only feasible wall for a kitchen had several limitations. At one end was the entrance to the bathroom and at the other on an adjacent wall was the entrance into the apartment. The entrance door was only 200mm off the proposed kitchen wall meaning cabinetry could not run the entire length but needed to start at least 1000mm in leaving only 2400mm of usable space.

Backing onto part of the kitchen wall was the utility room, which gave the opportunity to recess some cabinetry and therefore utilise the full length. The plumber set up the trap for the sink in the utility room, so the base cabinet height could be reduced to an absolute minimum.

The client brief was simple: sharp, bold and yellow. The kitchen and apartment is definitely for a single occupant so storage and appliances are minimal. The oven has

been replaced with the new Panasonic convection/microwave steam oven, which is also recessed into the utility room and open vented allowing it to be contained in the appliance garage.

The impact of the **Resene Fuel Yellow** is contrasted with the black and yellow of the Madagascar timber veneer. White acrylic tops and over cupboard doors sharpen up the design. The kitchen is backdropped by a soft grey **Resene Barely There** on the walls and ceiling. This is the perfect canvas for this punchy colour.

The kitchen is the feature of the apartment and looks and works as intended.

The apartment was designed to be used mainly during the winter months when business dictated a one night stop over. The space was tiny with limited natural light so the colour palette had to create a feeling of

outdoor warmth and natural light.

The ceiling was very low at one end and the room had the potential to become claustrophobic. The client had very masculine tastes with selected furniture all in black. By specifying warm white LEDs the light grey walls end up warmed at night.

Opposite the feature yellow wall is a wallpapered wall in **Resene 25675** from the Black White collection. This paper is carried into the kitchen behind glass to form the splashback. Although the wallpaper has a very strong pattern the black white theme blends in with the furnishings and does not make an overly dramatic statement or close the room down.

The Resene Fuel Yellow in the kitchen and feature wall dominates the space as intended.



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