



**kitchens & bathrooms**



**Blissful bath**  
 Nothing to do but lie back and relax.  
 Maxton 1700 masseur **spa bath**, \$1599, Stylus.



**Integrated washing**  
 The newest addition to the range.  
 Iive IVSIX3 **dishwasher**, \$2499.



**In sink**  
 A rectangle within a rectangle.  
 Caroma "Cube" extension **basin**, \$365, Cass Brothers.

*amazing price!*

**Welcome**



WHAT DO YOU DO when you come home after a long day, whether from work, the supermarket or the pick-up from kindy? You dump everything – keys, bag, bills, you name it – on the kitchen bench and feel an instant sense of relief. The kitchen is probably the most important room in the house – the room we are all drawn to. It needs to be multi-functional. You have to be able to cook up a storm in it and have enough space for the party to gather, even though you might have a perfectly good living room! The hardest thing about designing or renovating a kitchen is deciding what style to choose – warm, basic, contemporary, sleek? What cooker, fridge and work surface? The list is endless so we've done the legwork for you. This supplement is packed with inspiration for determining the look you love and showing you where to get it. We're also going to take you through the renovation of deputy art director Renae Lovett's white-on-white kitchen, step-by-step and down to the very last cent. There isn't a stone unturned in Renae's design – she worked out her style, did the research, drew up the floorplans, set her budget... She was a woman on a mission and I have no doubt you'll be inspired by her gorgeous kitchen and propelled into action yourself.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the bathroom is the only room in the house where you can actually be alone – unless of course you have toddlers, then no space is sacred! In the bathroom you need to consider the light and surfaces, but the two crucial musts are a glorious water-efficient showerhead and a blissful deep bath to sink into. This is the room to revive you – so I'll let you get started.

I hope you enjoy our special supplement.



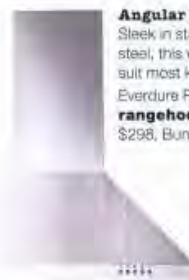
**Hot stuff**  
 Good-looking, European-made oven with 8 cooking settings, cool-touch door and easy-use controls. Very affordable, too.  
 Everdure OBES82 **built-in oven**, \$519, Bunnings.



**Up they go**  
 Modern heating for your bath towels.  
 Mill "Cube" heated **towel rail**, from \$447, Reece.



**90 degrees**  
 Right angles and aligned dish draining, very square indeed.  
 Quatro **sink** with end bowl, \$834, Clark.



**Angular hood**  
 Sleek in stainless steel, this would suit most kitchens.  
 Everdure RBE63 **rangehood**, \$298, Bunnings.



**Shower stakes**  
 Up-to-the-minute styling with a European edge.  
 Paco Jaansen "Eliptico" single-function **shower**, \$498. For stockists, see page 191.

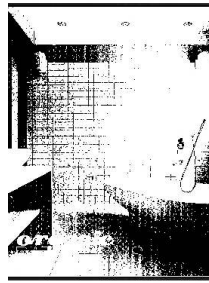
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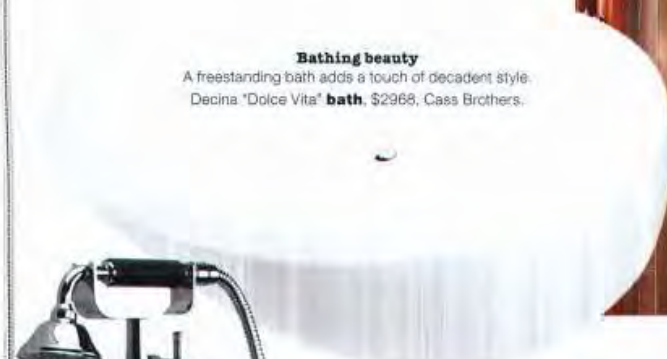
**Designer looks**

Sleek but practical styling with adjustable shower height – and all at a very reasonable price. Stilo **shower rail**, \$245.65, Methven.



**Bathing beauty**

A freestanding bath adds a touch of decadent style. Decina "Dolce Vita" **bath**, \$2968, Cass Brothers.



**Top tap**

A beautiful bath outlet in a timeless style. Paco Jaansen "BellMondo" external **bath set**, \$1395.



**Warm tones**

Various timber finishes matched with stone tiling in shades of brown give this award-winning bathroom a natural feel.



**CHOOSING: towels**

They can make or break your bathroom decor.



**Cotton** Of the three options, Egyptian is most luxurious, Supima the most durable and Standard the least expensive.

**Colour** Match tones in the tiling or use patterned towels for interest against solid colours. Note that dark towels are not as absorbent as white towels because of the dyes used.

**LEFT** Eva Solo **bath towel** in Elephant Grey, \$128, Jarass.

GET THE **organic bathroom** LOOK



**Set in stone**

Natural material gets a modern edge with contemporary tiling. Mosaic 8 "Crema Alpinia" **tiles**, from \$22 a sheet, Sareen Stone. Shown in Tumbled finish.

**Hot stuff!**

Spoil yourself with luxurious warm towels. Kado "Lure" heated **towel rail**, \$1024, Reeco. For stockists, see page 191.



**Fluid form**

Organic shapes come together. Alape "Circa" **basin**, \$641, Reeco.



**the bath**



**Organic palette**

(A) Colour Palette **laminates** in Curly Birch, from \$90 a sq m, Laminex. (B) Dulux High-gloss Super **enamel** in Mamba Green, \$95.65 for 4 litres. (C) Lindmon Venetian **blind**, from \$49.99, Ikea.