





Banks Peninsula Residence

324 McQueens Valley Road,
Christchurch

The house is a 60 year old farmhouse on a 40 acre block of land on Banks Peninsula surrounded by a lovely rose garden and topiary scrubs. The client had just bought the house and was desperate to get the interior of the living, dining room, bathroom and kitchen updated and modernised because it looked very old fashioned and tired with old varnished timber slats on walls and ceilings in the bathroom and kitchen. The timber surface made the space look very dark and gloomy especially because the kitchen had only one boxed kitchen window.

Even during the summer my client had to use artificial light in her kitchen to be able to see properly during the day. The lack of bench and storage space in the kitchen was a problem too. The kitchen was very small, only 2.4 metres wide and about 3 metres long on the outside wall and 1.5 metres at the opposite side.

To make better use of the space with more storage, a pantry, built-in fridge, kitchen island, suitable lighting and easy to clean surfaces were key requirements that had to be taken into consideration in the design.

The proposal included the removal of a load bearing wall in between the dining room, kitchen and living room to take away timber slats of walls and ceiling and replace with plasterboard. A huge old water cylinder situated in a corner cupboard in the kitchen was pulled out as well and replaced with a gas unit for water heating, making way for a pantry cupboard, built-in fridge, kitchen island and storage space. By removing the internal wall we also gained a huge increase in natural light flowing into the room because it opened up the entire space.

Colours from the Resene Akaroa range have been used. They are soft neutrals that reflect the light in a friendly way and fit perfectly in the natural environment of Banks Peninsula. The light coloured shiny granite bench top mirrors the outside light as well. The kitchen has clean lined panelled doors with tongue and groove panelled sides to enhance the country feel.

The appliances are stainless steel to contrast with the soft neutrals and to give it a contemporary touch. The ceiling lighting is fluorescent and dimmable and a string of small LED lights is tucked away behind the moulding around the extractor fan to bring a warm and cosy atmosphere in the evening.

After nine months of renovating the client is thrilled with the end result.

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