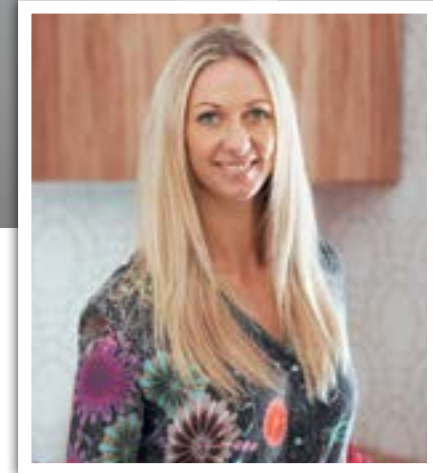


BEFORE



Creative colour

With a few clever decorating tricks, this cramped kitchen became a spacious, on-trend room

THE PROBLEM

“The kitchen didn’t have enough space for our crockery and glassware, and the cupboards were so full that pantry items were cluttering the counters,” recalls the owner of this Tamboerskloof, Cape Town apartment. As there’s no dining room, the owner and her daughter usually eat at the counter and this was proving to be a problem, plus the solid white cabinets made the kitchen feel claustrophobic.

THE SOLUTION

To make it feel more spacious and trendy, the owner called in decorator Kimberley

Richmond (pictured) of Beautiful Spaces. “Fortunately we didn’t have to change the layout,” says Kimberley. “I reduced the size of the counter, but included an overhang for dining.”

To provide more storage space, she added floor-to-ceiling cupboards on the living room side of the counter and specified opaque glass for all the adjoining cupboards. Other reflective materials like the PET boards for the cabinets and the purple glass splashbacks enhance the illusion of space.

As the kitchen doesn’t receive a lot of natural light, Kimberley had to be creative when designing the lighting. “The ceiling is

concrete so to include downlights I had to install a bulkhead. The LED lights under the cabinets add more light to the work surfaces.”

Giving the kitchen its oomph is the green Smeg fridge. “I was so in love with my home’s eclectic feel, a normal fridge would have looked boring,” says the owner. ▷

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● Small changes, like changing the cupboard doors and handles helped to transform the kitchen. ● Coloured glass splashbacks and downlighting give the illusion of space.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Kimberley used rustic stools and suzani cushions from Arabesque for the counter seating.

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