

KITCHENS



OPEN-PLAN LAYOUT
Foregoing upper cabinets and grouping appliances creates an airy space with lots of breathing room. Backless custom benches double as storage for extra throws and pillows and keep the look open. The efficient L-shaped sink and wine fridge. Remote-control mesh blinds retract discreetly into the ceiling. Polished limestone floors resemble aged leather, adding a luxurious note.



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**WHITE +
NATURAL STONE =
MODERN ORGANIC**

Photography by Janis Nicolay

The realities of life with three kids carefully informed almost every element of the kitchen design in this newly renovated 5,000-square-foot home in Vancouver. “I love the fresh, clean look of white kitchens,” says interior designer Nancy Riesco, principal at Riesco & Lapres. “But we didn’t do all white for practical reasons — this family’s kids are sporty and things get banged around.” Riesco outfitted the room with glossy white lacquer cabinets in the lowest traffic areas. She specified teak — which is a little more forgiving and warm than the walnut often seen in contemporary kitchens — for the L-shaped island and storage bench, creating a cosy dining nook in the open layout; a rough stone wall anchors the eating area, adding a rustic counterpoint to the room’s sleek lines. A cooking alley, anchored on one end by a high-capacity fridge framed into the architecture and on the other end by extra-wide double wall ovens for preparing large meals, make this modern space function with family-friendly efficiency.



COOKING ALLEY
The T-shaped hood over the range keeps the wall lightweight. An easy-to-clean painted glass backsplash doesn’t overwhelm the minimalist design. Deep drawers provide easy access to kitchen essentials while large cupboards neatly conceal garbage and recycling bins.

GET THE LOOK



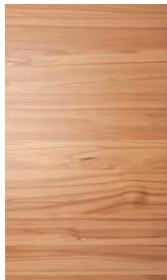
Glossy white pendant
Pink and Brown Satellite pendant lamp.
\$260. At retailers across Canada.



Sleek toaster
Dualit Vario toaster. Approx. \$220.
At retailers across Canada.



Industrial faucet
Grohe Minta spray pull-down faucet in Starlight Chrome. \$599. At retailers across Canada.



Wood cabinets
Solär cabinet door in beech veneer.
\$53. At Ikea.

White contemporary chair
Gilbert chair in painted birch veneer.
\$70. At Ikea.



DESIGN ELEMENTS
Counters: Polished 1" Okite
Cabinets: Painted white lacquer; teak slab
Hardware: Stainless steel pulls
Backsplash: White-painted glass
Floors: 12" x 24" polished limestone tiles
Sink: Undermount stainless steel basins with square corners
Faucet: Modern chrome gooseneck with restaurant-style sprayer



Build in appliances for a seamless look

DINING ROOM WITH A VIEW
The glass staircase railing allows diners seated in iconic white Arne Jacobsen chairs a clear view of the raw granite wall that bisects the main floor, while guests seated at the bench look out on the garden. "The sightlines are a very important part of the clean look of this house," says Riesco. The pedestal table maintains the airy quality. The owner splurged on the Louis Poulsen pendant light, which introduces a classic modern vibe to the dining area.
Purple bowl, white bowl, Provide; bowl with plants, 18Karat; pitcher, glasses, cutting board, Puddifoots Gifts & Tableware.