



# Belle KITCHENS bathrooms &

From conversational hubs to cloister-like havens, each of these tailor-made spaces ensures functionality and good looks go hand in hand.

This Byron Bay kitchen by YSG Studio features a warm, inviting materials palette and a central, round island to facilitate intimate hangouts. Turn the page for more.



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## CASUAL INTIMACY

[ Byron Bay, NSW ]

**THIS RETRO-INSPIRED KITCHEN BY SYDNEY'S YSG STUDIO** navigates the needs of two very different cooks – one messy, the other ‘a neat freak’ – with the introduction of an L-shaped counter configuration and scullery behind. A fixed slatted timber screen conceals any mess while ensuring conversational connections between the two zones. In the centre, a circular island topped with pearlescent marble and fitted with a chrome footrest acts as a casual leaning post for drinks, playing to the owners’ love of ’70s design. “Our clients, a sociable couple with two young kids, wanted their home to function intimately, yet morph into eclectic breakout zones that sparked conversations when entertaining,” says YSG co-director Yasmine Ghoniem. “We sourced vintage sconces and pendants to provide soft illumination and retro furnishings to enhance the home with an off-kilter elegance.” Key inclusions are the Murano glass chandelier above the island, a sconce by London designer Lewis Kemmenoe in the scullery, watermelon striped blinds by Petre’s Curtains & Blinds and bespoke ‘squiggle’ timber handles and chrome cupboard pulls entwined in soft brown leather. *ysg.studio; @ysg.studio*

**Builder** Webber Build. **Joiner** Wood Rabbit Kitchens. **Joinery materials** Striped Zebrano timber veneer from Briggs Veneers and cream laminate. **Joinery hardware** Bespoke handles by YSG. **Benchtops/splashback** ‘Bellini’ marble from CDK Stone. **Wall/ceiling** Wrapped in custom Marmorino Venetian plaster finish. **Flooring** ‘Cotto Manetti Litos Naturale’ terracotta tiles in custom pattern from Artedomus. **Tapware** In Brushed Copper from ABI Interiors. **Lighting** Murano glass chandelier by Toni Zuccheri. Wall sconce by Lewis Kemmenoe. **Furniture** Vintage stools from Lunatiques reupholstered by The Dusty Road in Sahco ‘Tropic 0470’ fabric. **Accessories** Antique French chopping board, ‘Ostrea’ clear vase and sculpture in white glaze, all from Tigmi. Shell from Appetite for Decoration. Fasano ‘Lazio’ dinner plates from CLO Studios. Bowls from Softedge Studio. Peasant Village Italian red shell ceramic bowl from Lumini Collections. Red vase by Michael Strownix. **Artwork** Escort by Saskia Folk.

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**CHEQUERED PATTERNS ARE A RECURRING THEME** in this Byron Bay home by YSG Studio. For this master ensuite, they appear in the bathtub surround and, on a larger scale, on the floors, giving the room a luxury hotel room vibe. The team made some crucial structural changes to the layout including closing in a window and removing the corner shower to make space for a custom vanity unit. The enclosed toilet in the corner was resized to make way for the widened bath zone and new deep step that surrounds it. Natural light comes courtesy of a generous skylight, while a sculptural wall disc opposite the bath is fitted with a dimmer to create the perfect relaxed light for bathing. The walls, clad in a Marmorino Venetian plaster, help to gently bounce the light around the room and bronze and brushed copper hardware brings a warm, golden patina. “Responding to our clients’ love of browns, Cambia Ash was chosen for its rich caramel shade, providing deep drawers beneath the integrated marble basin flicked with honey streaks,” says YSG’s co-director Yasmine Ghoniem. Blue elements relieve the brown expanse, including novel blue ceramic pulls in the vanity and a handpainted ewer by Lucy Zaroyko. Shimmering garnet pool mosaics form the ledge at the end of the bath, designed for holding shower products. *ysg.studio; @ysg.studio*



**Builder** Webber Build. **Vanity** Designed by YSG in honed ‘Bellini Marble’ from CDK Stone. **Joinery pulls** D Line ‘FAT’ flush pull round handles from Casson Hardware. **Tapware** In Brushed Copper from ABL Interiors. **Bath tiles** ‘Vixel L46’ mosaics (red) from Artedomus. Custom combination of Tumbled Dark Travertine and Tumbled Biancone Marble (check) from Aeria Country Flooring. **Walls** Custom Marmorino plaster finish. **Floors** Italian Porcelain tiles in Sand and Clay from Perini. **Wall light** Intueri Light ‘Bullarum Wall Disc’ from In Good Company. **Wall hooks** Ferm Living x Helena Rohner Chanterelle hooks in Stainless Steel. **Towel rail** Vertical heated towel rail in Tuscan Bronze from Astra Walker. **Accessories** Ceramic bells by Lisa Lapointe. Tinja ‘Jacques’ pots from CLO Studios. 100% organic cotton towel in Oxblood and Peach from In Bed.

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