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OPEN PLAN

34 A tweaking of the floor plan gave this 1920s apartment in Sydney's east a bigger, brighter kitchen. The central bench, made from the same engineered walnut as the floor, functions as both extra prep area and casual dining space, and acts as a focal point and zone divider in a now open-plan room.

I LOVE IT "It is a beautiful and functional kitchen as well as a great place to have fun with our friends and family," says the owner, Jamie.

DESIGN INSIGHTS A mirrored-glass splashback helps create the illusion of a roomier space and the open shelving unit works to visually and physically connect the rooms. Danish pendant lights and stools are a light touch around the cantilevered bench.



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CHECK MATE

35 This family room, in an island home on the North Coast of NSW, has been transformed into a space that is enjoyed year-round.

Picking up on the geometry of the architecture, grid patterns – the plaid rug, vintage sofa, strap-backed armchairs and the cushions – have been layered to create a palpable sense of energy.

SMITTEN "It's bold, playful and chic," says the owner, Amanda. "We just love the classic black and white."

TRY THIS AT HOME A limited colour scheme allows prints to take centrestage, creating maximum impact without making the room feel too busy. Touches of blush and rose gold introduce femininity and softness to an otherwise structured space. ▶



SHOP THE ROOM

- + Vintage Kubus sofa.
- + Plaid rug, Dash & Albert Rug Company.
- + Coffee table and armchairs, Max Sparrow.
- + Lamp, Empire Furniture Newcastle.
- + Cushions, Sparkk.
- + Interior painted Dulux Lexicon, quarter strength.
- + Exterior painted Dulux Grey Pebble, quarter strength, with Dulux Wayward Grey timberwork.

