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Family, fun & function

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Family, fun and function come first in this simple, modern kitchen, designed as part of a house-wide renovation and extension to a home in Hamilton's Forest Lake suburb by architect and owner, Evan Mayo.

With three children at home and extended family in the area, Evan's extension of the living areas from upstairs to the lower levels was made to put people first.

"We didn't want a big, tall kitchen dominating our living space. That's why we placed the ovens lower, hid the rangehood



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and placed the fridges and extra shelves in the pantry to the side so when the kitchen is empty it looks more like built-in furniture than say a commercial kitchen."

Referencing the existing floor of the original upstairs, Matai timber connects the old and the new, flowing down the stairs to the living area and continuing up to the ceiling.

Evan enjoys the elegant imperfections of timber as well as the random patterning that helps to hide the ongoing scuffs and stains of family life.

Wanting a surface with similar qualities for the glass splashback, Evan carried out an exhaustive online search for a pattern on image sharing site Shutterstock.

The subtly coloured leaf pattern helps hide kitchen smears, ties well to furniture in the space and echoes the tree-top views in the surrounding section.

It also adds a playful element that Evan always wanted for his family's new home.

"I wanted to avoid a design that was too perfect and over-designed. This is a family home and my kids have to live in it, so I never wanted them to think they were living in something they couldn't touch.

"Most importantly, we wanted it to be a kitchen that works very well, and it does that."



THE DETAILS

Designer: Evan Mayo, Architecture Bureau
(www.architecturebureau.co.nz)

Cabinetmaker: Fernlea Cabinetry

Glass splashback: Image Glass Waikato

Benchtops: Corian Icefall & Stainless Steel

Cabinetry: Lacquer finish (Resene Seafog)

Appliances: F&P Designer Series Ovens, F&P 75cm induction cooktop and F&P Double Designer Dishdrawer

Timber panelling: Recycled Matai around island bench, Matai veneer panelling for high cupboards