

Design tip

"Sculptural accessories deliver warmth and interest to the otherwise minimal space," says Swee, who chose the Normann Copenhagen 'Form' stools from District and Tuba pendant lights from About Space to do just that. "I've also introduced colour through the terracotta Domo vase and blown-glass 'Lucky Drops' ornaments by Llewelyn Ash from JamFactory." The flooring is engineered European oak from Hurfords.

This luxury kitchen is at the heart of a newly built country home in South Australia, a reimagined farmhouse that's brimming with personality. "The interiors, including the kitchen, make a strong, bold statement, taking their cue from the rugged landscape and adding a contemporary spin," says Swee Lim, of Swee Design, who worked with the owner to select furniture and finishes, and alongside the architects and builders Black Rabbit and Genworth Group. A blend of clean lines, rich tones and natural materials make for a luxe space with a masculine, moody palette. Complementing the black steel frames throughout, V-groove cabinets in black-stained Tasmanian oak pop against walls in Dulux Lexicon Quarter and the spectacular Neolith sintered-stone benchtops and splashback in Blanco Carrara (from CDK Stone). "This stone is practical and durable but also luxurious," says Swee. "It's made in Europe from 100 per cent natural minerals, making it heat, stain and scratch resistant. Inspired by Carrara marble, these huge pieces of stone are seamless, with no joins." >

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BLACK CABINETRY AND SWATHES OF STONE MAKE A STRIKING PAIRING IN THIS 'MODERN FARMHOUSE' KITCHEN IN ADELAIDE

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Crucial details

"WE FOCUSED ON CREATING PERSONALITY THROUGH THE LIGHTING, FURNISHING AND ACCESSORIES," SAYS SWEE. "THE FOUR-METRE-HIGH CEILINGS GAVE US SCOPE TO DO SOMETHING REALLY SPECTACULAR." USED IN A SERIES, THE SCULPTURAL TUBA PENDANT LIGHTS FROM ABOUT SPACE ARE AN EYE-CATCHING FEATURE. THE FLAMINGO OUTDOOR DINING TABLE AND SODA OUTDOOR DINING CHAIRS ARE FROM DOMO.



"RUSSET TONES AND TIMBER FLOORS LEND SOFTNESS AND WARMTH TO THE CONTEMPORARY DESIGN"

SWEE LIM, SWEE DESIGN



ACTUAL PAINT COLOUR MAY VARY ON APPLICATION

Source book

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