Stone, sun and brick



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In Barkly House in Fitzroy, Melbourne, Ha Architecture has crafted a kitchen that feels both grounded in heritage and quietly expressive of contemporary life. Designed for the son of a bricklayer, the home carries a deep respect for masonry, with the kitchen sitting at the centre of a material story shaped by brick, stone and light.

Positioned within a checkerboard floor plan, the kitchen occupies a south-facing zone that opens directly to the rear yard. This orientation is carefully balanced by the home's broader design strategy, where light is drawn deep into the interior through a lush side entry greenhouse. As winter sun filters through this green threshold, it reaches the kitchen in softened layers, bringing warmth to what could otherwise be a cooler aspect.

Materiality defines the space. Marble and granite surfaces introduce a sense of permanence, their weight and veining adding richness without excess. These stones feel substantial under hand, their coolness offset by the surrounding warmth of brick and filtered light. The kitchen becomes a place where texture is not only seen but felt, reinforcing a connection to craft and material honesty.





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The interplay of marble, granite and brick, creating a kitchen that feels rich in texture while remaining grounded and also deeply connected to its material story

Brick plays a quiet yet constant role, echoing the home's narrative and the client's heritage. Its presence grounds the kitchen within the architectural language of the house, creating continuity between exterior and interior. The palette is restrained, allowing the natural qualities of each material to take precedence.

The layout supports both flow and intimacy. As part of the open kitchen and dining zone, the space connects seamlessly to the garden, encouraging movement between indoors and out. This relationship is subtle yet important, allowing the kitchen to feel integrated within the daily rhythm of the home.

Framed views extend beyond the immediate space, offering glimpses toward the backyard and beyond. These carefully considered sightlines bring a sense of openness without sacrificing the feeling of enclosure that makes the kitchen so calm and grounded.

Within Barkly House, the kitchen becomes a reflection of lineage and craft. It is a space shaped by material depth, softened by light and designed for gathering loved ones, where tradition and contemporary living meet with quiet confidence.