

2. **When your kitchen and living areas are basically one big room, and you hanker for a space with industrial flavour, line your walls and ceiling with wood planks or panelling. Then save your hard-earned dollars by installing budget-friendly flat-pack cabinets, benchtops and stock standard white subway tiles. Consider refurbishing timber floors with grey paint, which you can paint over and over again. The grey ties in with modern stainless steel appliances and retro metal chairs. A few vintage pieces honour the past, while a hit or two of bright colour makes the room sing!**



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Refrigerator with in-door drawer 701L (GF-AS701SL), \$5499, LG.

Designer insights >>

Keep small kitchens organised, efficient and looking larger.

- Wall-mounted open shelves can be sized to fit slivers of space otherwise too small for upper cabinets. Reclaimed timber was sourced for these narrow shelves supported by slender black forged iron brackets (see right).
- Build floor-to-ceiling cubbies, where everyday items are in clear view. The result? A warm and inviting working kitchen rather than a 'show' space.



3. **Install a noteworthy barn-style door** (with a chalkboard-painted finish for lists and things) to conceal pantry items. Sliding instead of swinging open and getting in the way, it's ideal for a compact kitchen.

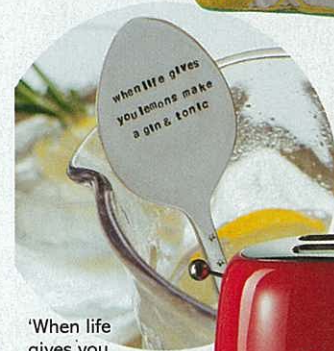
4. **The details count.** Choose cabinets which rest on legs without the usual covering of a kickboard for a furniture-like appearance. This free-standing cooker was chosen as the metal legs match those of the cabinets.



Marble/Acacia wood round board with leather handles, \$79.99, Davis & Waddell.



Fabulous handmade glass in Green, \$2.99, IKEA.



'When life gives you lemons' cocktail stirrer, \$40, The Cutlery Commission.

Manuka Cushion in Yellow 35 x 55cm, \$31.89, Freedom.



2-slice toaster in Red (TSF01), \$179, Smeg.

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