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# Kitchen WARM-UP



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New trends are often not as 'new' as one might think. A trend that may appear to be fresh and original is actually a re-worked idea from a previous decade. Take for example the resurgence of timber in kitchens. Popular in 'the decade that taste forgot', timber is now making a huge comeback but of course with a different, more updated version of the pine timber designs of the 80s.

### OLD IS NEW

New trends always have a slightly different twist on old trends to update them for today. With timber kitchens, the range of veneers available now are far more exotic than what was previously offered. Adding to this, the design and cut of the timber is sleeker with clean lines – no more pine panels!

### FROM THE GROUND UP

While timber kitchens of the past were created to be matchy-matchy with the same timber variety used for the floor, cabinetry, benchtops and even walls – it's no longer the trend for everything to match perfectly. Nowadays, contrasting coloured timbers are often used in the one kitchen design. It's also popular to mix

different materials – for example, marble or granite benchtops go well with timber cabinetry and mirrored splashbacks.

### CHANGING COLOURS

When putting a colour scheme together it's a good idea to work from the floor up, so before selecting a timber veneer for joinery, consider the colour and type of finish for your floor space. Remember that you can have two different timber veneers together in your kitchen cabinetry so you can select to just partner one of these to the floor colour. Alternatively you can have dark kitchen timber and a dark floor or conversely all light timbers, but it's important to consider the mood that you want to achieve for your space. Do you

want a light and airy kitchen or a cosy, intimate area with a more dramatic mood? Timber can also be a very effective way to soften an otherwise all white theme.

### SHOW OF STRENGTH

Strong colour also complements timber well. A lime green splashback looks quite striking with light coloured timbers and a rich bold red looks great with darker hues.

For contemporary, quality timber-look materials head to Laminex. With a wide range of timber looks from finished timber veneer panels with a polyurethane coating to the tactile realism of the Impressions range – the collection of finishes is extremely wide and offers a solution for a range of kitchen budgets.

