

SINK SENSATION

DROWNING IN A SEA OF SINK CHOICES? HERE'S AN EASY GUIDE TO PICKING THE BEST BASIN FOR YOUR NEEDS

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Choosing the right basin is a balance between practicality and style – you want a design that makes washing up and food prep seamless, but also looks stylish. “I always tell my clients to prioritise function before form,” says John Stubbs, director of 77 Architecture. The first decision to make is how your sink will be mounted to your benchtop, as this will influence the type of materials you have to work with. “Undermounting allows the sink, a utility item, to recede away from sight and lets aesthetic elements such as the tapware feature,” he says. “But they can only be installed with weight-bearing benchtops such as granite, marble or engineered stone.” Inset or overmount sinks, on the other hand, are installed onto the benchtop and can be used with any benchtop material. Next, consider the size and depth of your bowl. If you have a dishwasher, you may just need one large sink for those items you prefer to wash by hand. If you like having a sink reserved for rinsing, consider adding a second sink in a half or quarter size.

“AN UNDERMOUNT SINK ALLOWS FOR CLEAN BENCHTOP LINES AND MINIMISES DIRT CATCH POINTS”

~ JOHN STUBBS, 77 ARCHITECTURE



BLACK IS BACK: Say goodbye to the clinical white sinks and chrome tapware. Matt black undermount sinks paired with brass or gold tapware are “big right now”, John points out.



CUE CLASSIC: Deep and convenient, the butler's sink is happily at home within country-style and contemporary kitchens alike. Pair with a swan-neck tap for the perfect traditional look.



DRAIN AWAY: Most inset sinks tend to come with a drainboard attached, while undermount sinks rely on inserts that temporarily turn your sink into a draining board. If you go without, make sure you have enough space in your sink for a removable drainer that can be stored away out of sight when it's not in use.