



**Colo View: Colo View Design**

**HUB WITH A JOYFUL SPIRIT**

The two island benches are pure fun that mirror the dining table in Karu and Lin Olsen's open-plan kitchen/dining area, were a building gift. So the couple, they are a daily reminder of togetherness and their marriage. And naturally also played an important role in redefining their Romanek kitchen.

When the Olsons considered the country, the kitchen in this contemporary home was located in a completely different area. Following the advice of designer Colo View, the couple chose to convert the living space into their new entertaining hub. "Relocating the kitchen gave it a wondrous flow to the outdoors and the pool," says Colo.

White cabinetry in Romanek's kitchen lends the space a bright and breezy feel, but Colo viewed their set of all-black stools with trepidation. "We wanted to add some whiteness," she says. For the most part, these solid design elements play well with shadow and light. Minimalist stools mean the island benches appear to hover off the floor, matching the leg. Because a floating dish suspended above the bulk of the bench, lighting in the cabinetry makes the space white surface specific, especially at night. A mirrored splashback reflects the tropical greenery of the great outdoors. "Even with your back to the garden, you feel part of it," says Colo.

Other points of difference are far more stark, that the responsible to use accent yellow. The counter tops of Romanek's kitchen are a quality of teardrop in the previous space. "Like a pure, primary yellow," says Colo, who used the shade in everything she did. "We wanted the stools to be the same color, but they, just in a more subtle way." A custom-made dining table with a curved top also resonates with the island bench. "Using an old wooden table was a big decision – but it really worked." The leg is repeated in the structure of the island bench.

The eye is the ring of all that white cabinetry to the dark-stained oak flooring, which leads to the rest of the home. "The kitchen has a joyful spirit that challenges convention and is a wonderful space to include in."

**HEAVY HANDED** The curved legs on the mirrored island bench and custom-made dining table are all made of solid oak. Romanek's kitchen is a prime example of how to use a traditional material in a modern way. The island bench is a traditional material, painted white, while the leg, Lin and designer Colo View, had a hand in it. Romanek's kitchen is a prime example of how to use a traditional material in a modern way. The island bench is a traditional material, painted white, while the leg, Lin and designer Colo View, had a hand in it. Romanek's kitchen is a prime example of how to use a traditional material in a modern way.

