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DESIGN:
Recycled Lane

LOCATION:
Brunswick, Victoria



A SALVAGED CZECH CUPBOARD (CIRCA 1880) WAS THE inspiration for this unique kitchen. Too large to use, the antique has been lovingly reinvented as kitchen cabinets, overhead cupboards, a baker's trolley and bookshelf. The hooks and intricate hinges that adorn panels on the island bench were also taken from the cupboard.

The kitchen carcass was purchased from Ikea. Three separate freestanding units are used to fit the space (purchased without the drawer fronts), and given a facelift using the material from the Czech cupboard. The island bench is a bespoke piece created for the space; all materials for this are recycled or reused from the cupboard; metal was used for the framework to complement the industrial aesthetic of the converted Brunswick home.

The savvy homeowners used eBay and the 'seconds' section of Ikea to source the workbench, induction cooktop, oven, sink and dishwasher.

