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Introducing

Mitchell Bink Concrete Design

Hello!

We are Mitch & Jess - the husband and wife team behind Mitchell Bink Concrete Design.

Firstly, we want to say thank you, thank you for taking the time to check out our business.

We began Mitchell Bink Concrete Design in 2013 whilst Mitch was working for his dad at Fyshwick Cement Products and whilst Jess was working full time for a company in Canberra. After many years of working with concrete, Mitch saw an opening for a new and innovative concrete product in Canberra.

Stepping out of his comfort zone and moving away from the family business, Mitch and Jess began Mitchell Bink Concrete Design.

Mitch - the brains, the hands, the ideas man, the go-getter.

Jess - Administration, Accounts, HR, Marketing, Social Media, Receptionist.

For those of you who watch Suits - we like to think we're Harvey Spector & Donna. Together, along with our team of artisans, we make a pretty good team.

Away from work and business, you will find us spending time renovating our home, spending time with our dogs, Zeus & Apollo, or spending quality time with family and friends.

Mitch will be mountain bike riding, watching footy, on the hunt for new walking trails, listening to podcasts or watching the latest documentaries on History or Science.

Jess will be at the Canberra Farmers Markets, going for walks whilst listening to podcasts, spending way too much time on Pinterest looking for healthy recipes, cooking or watching the latest Netflix documentary on health, food and the human body. Oh and the occasional reality tv show (as Mitch shakes his head in disgust haha).

We are so passionate about our business and what we do. Mitchell Bink Concrete Design is such a huge part of our life and a journey we hope to continue for many years to come.

We hope we have the opportunity to meet you, chat with you about our product and how it could work throughout your home or business.

Thanks again for checking out our business, we truly do appreciate the support.

Mitch & Jess x

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A B O U T U S

Mitchell Bink Concrete Design is a local Canberra business that is passionate about providing not only beautiful but functional custom concrete products such as benchtops and furniture to Canberra, South Coast, Sydney and the surrounding regions.

We specialise in one-off innovative products that enhance outdoor and indoor environments. With creative skills passed down through three family generations specialising in precast concrete in the Canberra region for over 55 years.

Our business includes a talented team who specialise in Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete (GFRC) and are passionate about bringing out the true natural beauty of concrete.

We love nothing more than our clients loving our product as much as we do so we feel passionate about educating our clients about the product, the pros and cons of concrete, what to expect from the product, how it can be used throughout a home or business and making sure concrete is right for them.

We are privileged to have worked with some of Canberra's leading architects and designers having our work featured in multiple award winning homes and commercial spaces.

At Mitchell Bink Concrete Design, we offer quality products, all of which have a unique style and presentation as well as a freedom to design pieces that suit individual needs.



PROJECT: OVATE CONCRETE DINING TABLE

COLOUR: PINK

FINISH: CREAM FINISH

OTHER: PAIRED WITH OUR BRIDIE AMERICAN WHITE OAK BASE



T H E C O N C R E T E

Mitchell Bink Concrete Design specialises in Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete (GFRC or GRC) with all products being manufactured from our workshop in Hume, Canberra.

WHAT IS GFRC?

In short, GFRC consists of cement, fine aggregate, acrylic co-polymer, water and glass fibers.

WHY GFRC?

GFRC has been used for the past 30 years by decorative concrete artisans who have discovered the benefits of GFRC.

It gives much higher flexural and tensile strengths than normal concrete, this enables us to apply it to a wide range of requests.

GFRC is a lightweight, durable material that can be cast into kitchen benchtops, commercial countertops, bathroom vanities, table tops, fireplace surrounds, wall facade panels and more. As our products are a third of the weight of standard concrete no reinforcement is required to your floors or cabinetry.

Have you seen similar concrete products elsewhere wondering if it's the same thing? Chances are, its not. We frequently get calls from people asking if we are able to 'fix' their concrete product they bought from a well known hardware store, furniture store, or something their builder or their polished concrete floor specialist attempted to do.

It takes a long time for anyone to be proficient with GFRC. At Mitchell Bink Concrete Design, since 2013 we have been solely focused on GFRC as a custom concrete product for benchtops and furniture and we have a team equipped with the skill set to produce GFRC at the highest standard.

W H A T W E D O

In terms of Residential projects, GFRC can be used for a wide range of features in your home. These include, but not limited to:

Island & Kitchen Benchtop	Splashback	Pantry Benchtop
Laundry Benchtop	Entertainment Unit Top	Vanity Top
Vanity Top with Integrated Sink	Bathroom Basin Bowl	Bathtub
Outdoor Kitchen Benchtops	Fireplace Hearth & Surround	Fireplace Mantel
Floating Shelf	Dining Table	Coffee & Hallway Table
Office Desk	Study Nook Desk	Benchseat
Stair Tread & Landing	Planter Box	

Many features listed above can also be applied to Commercial projects. In addition to the above, GFRC can also be used for Countertops for Reception Desks, Bar Tops, Servedy Tops, Facade around these Countertops, Wall Panelling, Seating and much more.

Everything we make is hand made, in-house, so nothing is poured on-site (this is called in-situ concrete).



Handmade

When buying from a hand maker, you are buying more than just an object.

You are buying hundreds of hours of failure and experimentation.

You are buying days, weeks and months of frustration and pure joy.

You aren't just buying a thing, you are buying a piece of us and building our passion.

All of this, whilst most importantly supporting a local business.

C O L O U R S & F I N I S H E S

At Mitchell Bink Concrete Design we offer a range of colours and finishes to our clients.

Our specialised mix starts with pure white cement, we then add black or coloured oxide to achieve different shades and colours. We offer a set range of colours however any colour can be achieved through a custom sample process (if required). All grey colours can have a warm or cool tone.

Most of our projects are white, grey or black, but we certainly offer other colours like pink, blue and green just to name a few.

At Mitchell Bink Concrete Design, we offer three different Finishes.

CREAM FINISH: This Finish is created by using a spraying technique. It is clean and crisp with slight texture.

MB SIGNATURE RANGE: This Finish is achieved by hand pressing concrete into our formwork. This Finish provides more movement and texture.

TROWELED FINISH: This Finish is used for projects like stair treads and landings. It is hand troweled to give a raw textured look. This Finish is only used for certain projects.

K I T C H E N B E N C H T O P



K I T C H E N S P L A S H B A C K



BATHROOM VANITY TOP



“FLOATING” VANITY TOP



B A T H T U B



E N T E R T A I N M E N T T O P



FIREPLACE HEARTH



“FLOATING” SHELF



O U T D O O R K I T C H E N



O U T D O O R D I N I N G T A B L E



D I N I N G T A B L E



C O F F E E T A B L E



BENCH SEAT



STAIR TREADS / LANDINGS





GFRC can be used to create integrated kitchen sinks. We have an in-house design we use for all kitchen integrated sinks.



People assume concrete is only available in white or grey, but we can achieve many colours like pink, blue, green, maroon and more!

Unlike other benchtop alternatives, thickness does not effect our price much at all.

Everything we make is custom made so size, colour and thickness are completely up to you.

Features

GFRC is a unique, hand made product and is unlike many other benchtop alternatives.

These are just some of the features of this versatile product.

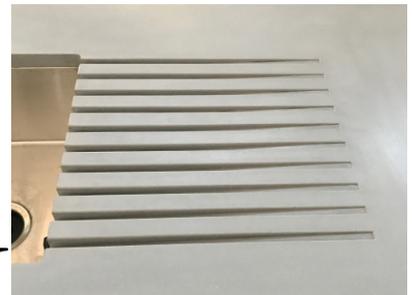
GFRC is a third of the weight of standard concrete yet twice as strong.

We have the flexibility to create large oversized pieces in one piece, meaning no joins!



At Mitchell Bink Concrete Design, we specialise in integrated sinks for bathroom vanity tops. We have multiple designs available.

We can include integrated drain grooves in your kitchen benchtop.



PERHAPS YOU HAVE SEEN OUR WORK?

International Lounge, Canberra Airport

Limestone Bar, Canberra Airport

Kokomo's, Civic

33 Allara Street, Civic

Cataldo's Salon, Civic

Saloon, Braddon

Australian War Memorial

The Mess Cafe, Fairbairn

Mookie Burger, Civic

Coffee Guru, Amaroo

Coffee Guru, Wagga Wagga

Coffee Guru, Ulladulla

National Gallery of Australia, Parkes

XO Restaurant, Narrabundah

ONA, Manuka

ONA, Fyshwick

National Capital Private Hospital, Garran

The Ugly Barber, Braddon

Timber & Tailor Shop, Braddon

The Pedlar, Campbell

Australian National University (School of Music)

The Coffee Ground, University of Canberra

Coffee Lab, Canberra City

Pod Seating, Canberra Centre

PROJECT: CONCRETE STAIR TREADS & LANDING
COLOUR: GREY GOOSE
FINISH: TROWELED FINISH



F R E Q U E N T L Y A S K E D Q U E S T I O N S

WHERE CAN I USE CONCRETE THROUGHOUT MY HOME?

Mitchell Bink Concrete Design specialises in custom concrete products such as kitchen and island benchtops, bathroom vanity tops, outdoor kitchen benchtops, indoor and outdoor tables, wall panels, stair treads, fireplace hearth and surrounds and more.

Concrete can be used both indoors and outdoors.

WHO WOULD WANT A CONCRETE BENCHTOP?

Concrete benchtops are the most unique, personal benchtop option because they are made by hand for each client. To determine whether concrete is right for you, think about whether you:

- want something unique and personalised
- want something that looks natural and has character
- appreciate high-quality, hand-crafted items
- think marble and quartz are too shiny or too common
- think synthetic solid surface materials look and feel like plastic
- need a visual texture that's not available with other materials

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF CONCRETE COMPARED TO OTHER BENCHTOP MATERIALS?

Advantages:

Custom: concrete's biggest advantage is that it is completely custom. It is a product that is unique and highly personalised.

Versatile: concrete is extremely versatile. It can enhance any style, from French Country to Contemporary. From Arts and Crafts to Industrial. From Traditional to Modern. The possibilities are endless.

Imperfections: we believe that this is an advantage. Concrete benchtops are handmade and hand finished. Since concrete is a heterogeneous mixture of many different ingredients, subtle variations in colour, shade, texture and overall appearance should be expected.

Disadvantages:

Staining: Concrete benchtops actually behave similar to marble in this regard. Foods and liquids should not stain your benchtop if wiped up as soon as they are noticed or within 24 hours.

Scratching: While the sealer is very durable, it is possible to scratch it. For example, in kitchens, you should use cutting boards and not cut directly on your benchtop.

WHAT IS THE LEAD TIME?

The process itself from formwork to the last coat of sealer takes 7-10 days, but we usually ask our clients to allow 3-5 weeks. This can vary depending on the workload at the time of a project being confirmed.

HOW MUCH COLOUR VARIATION CAN OCCUR?

Concrete is a natural, handmade material. Many factors such as humidity, sand lot and cement lot can affect the final appearance of the concrete. All of our colour formulas record the type of sand, type of cement, and exact measurements of pigments to 1/10th of a gram, and we use specially developed software to calculate mix design. However, colours can still vary because of the aforementioned factors.

Another factor that contributes to perceived variation is simply the size of samples. A 150x150mm sample will look different than a whole benchtop simply because the small sample does not capture all of the natural, random variations that will occur over a large surface. The colour in a 150x150mm sample may appear completely uniform, but a whole benchtop in that exact same colour will not appear as uniform. If you are looking for perfect uniformity, then concrete may not be right for you.

Others factor to consider would be natural light and the other types of materials and colours used on the same space.

DO YOU CAST THE BENCHTOPS ONSITE?

No we don't, everything we make is made at our workshop.

ARE YOUR PRODUCTS SEALED?

Yes, all of our products are sealed multiple times before they leave our workshop. We use the best possible sealer in the industry that is designed purely for benchtops and furniture. Our sealer is UV protected and food safe, it is very important clients ask this question before purchasing a concrete product.

WILL MY BENCHTOP STAIN?

Raw concrete is very porous and will readily stain. Virtually all concrete benchtops are sealed to prevent staining; however the degree to which these sealers works varies significantly. Commonly used sealers include wax and penetrating acrylic sealer. Both of these are inexpensive and easy to apply. However, neither offer significant stain or heat resistance, and both require frequent reapplication.

The sealer we use is different. We use a high-performance sealer that is durable and provides resistance to incidental contact with staining agents such as red wine, lemon juice and olive oil. Complete care instructions are included in our Care & Maintenance Guide.

CAN CONCRETE BENCHTOPS SCRATCH?

While the sealer we use is durable, it can scratch if cut with a knife or subjected to heavy, sharp objects dragged across the surface. Cutting on the concrete may compromise the integrity of the sealer and allow stains to enter the concrete.

Should you stain or scratch your benchtop, there is an option to have Mitchell sand and re-seal your benchtop onsite. The fee for this service is based on each individual project but this is certainly an option.

F R E Q U E N T L Y A S K E D Q U E S T I O N S

CAN I PUT HOT POTS DIRECTLY ON MY BENCHTOP?

As with almost all types of benchtop surfaces, we wouldn't recommend it. It is best to use trivets.

I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEAT OF MY FIREPLACE OR BBQ BEING TOO HOT FOR THE CONCRETE, SHOULD I BE?

No, you shouldn't be concerned, it is not a structural concern. We have not had any issues with our product being used for fireplace hearths, fireplace surrounds or outdoor BBQ benchtops.

ARE THERE ANY JOINS?

Often concrete benchtops can be designed without joins. Joins may be located around sinks and cooktops, or wherever required for structural reasons. Or, joins may be necessary due to the logistics of getting the benchtops into the house if stairs or corners are involved. Mitchell Bink Concrete Design will work with you to design join placement that is both structurally sound and aesthetically pleasing.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL STRUCTURAL CONSIDERATIONS?

No. The concrete we produce weighs about the same as a standard benchtop alternative of the same thickness. No additional support or structure is required unless specified.

COST WISE, HOW DOES CONCRETE COMPARE TO OTHER BENCHTOP ALTERNATIVES?

Quite often clients contact us assuming concrete is expensive and don't think it is an affordable option. In some instances we have been a cheaper alternative. It all depends on the individual project. Factors such as overall square meters, thickness and oversized pieces can become more cost effective with concrete.

Thickness doesn't effect our pricing much at all, where as with other benchtops alternatives, added thickness can almost double the cost.

As many benchtop alternatives are in the form of sheets, you pay for how many sheets are required, some of this can be wasted (yet you still pay for it). With concrete, as everything is custom made you pay for how much you need, you dont pay for any wastage (as there is none).

A feature of concrete is that we have the ability to make large benchtops in one piece, if you were to request this from other benchtop alternatives it may not be possible or very expensive.

HOW DOES GFRC PERFORM OUTDOORS?

Great! GFRC is a great product for outdoor benchtops and outdoor tables.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS IF I WAS THINKING ABOUT GETTING A CUSTOM CONCRETE PRODUCT FROM YOU?

In order for us to provide you with a Quote, we will need a copy of your plans or a rough sketch of the piece/s you are after. These will need to show the length, width and thickness of the piece/s. To include a Quote for delivery and installation (if required), let us know your address and any information we should know about access (stairs, steep driveway etc).

Based on the information you send us, we can then send you through a Quote. If you are interested in proceeding with the Quote, we would recommend making an appointment to come to our workshop, view our colours samples, finish samples and check out the current projects we are working on. This is also a great time to chat about the product and make sure it is right for you.

If you decide to proceed, depending on the type of project, Mitchell may need to come and do a final measure once your cabinetry has been installed. Once we have the final measurements, colour and other project details, we are ready to go! We will then start to make your formwork and cast the project. Depending on the type of project, we usually allow 3-5 weeks till delivery and installation. Some projects can be ready in 10 days.

PROJECT: ISLAND BENCHTOP, WATERFALL ENDS & BACK BENCHTOP
COLOUR: RAINMAKER
FINISH: CREAM FINISH



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