

M B C D

Indoor and Outdoor Kitchen Benchtops



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 with our little girl, Blakely, renovating our home, spending time with our dogs, Zeus & Apollo, or spending quality time with family and friends.

Mitch will be watching footy, V8's or F1, listening to podcasts or watching the latest documentaries on History or Science.

Jess will be at the Farmers Markets, going for walks 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).

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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F E A T U R E S

When considering concrete as a kitchen benchtop alternative for both indoors and outdoors, there are some great features not all clients are aware of, these include:

- We can include an integrated concrete sink in your benchtop. At MBCD, we have an in-house design we use. More commonly, clients will have an undermount or drop-in sink.
- We can include integrated drain grooves.
- To keep the same design and feel throughout your kitchen, you can also use concrete as a benchtop alternative in your walk in pantry.
- For indoor kitchen benchtops, thickness usually ranges from 20mm - 100mm thick. For outdoor kitchen benchtops, thickness can range from 20mm to 250mm+ thick. When clients have an outdoor kitchen benchtop that appears floating, this will commonly appear as 200mm+ thick.
- In terms of pricing, thickness doesn't effect our pricing much at all. We have three pricing brackets, the first being 20mm-25mm, the second being 30mm-80mm and the third being 90mm+. Whether your benchtops are 40mm thick or 80mm thick, this thickness will not impact your Quote. A lot of other benchtop alternatives can almost double in price when adding thickness, this is not the case for us.
- Clients can be concerned about additional reinforcement in their floors or cabinetry, however there is no need to be concerned. As we specialise in GFRC, it is a third of the weight of standard concrete. Our benchtops are a similar weight to other stone benchtops.
- Our sealer is UV stable (great for the outdoors!) and food safe. It is very important clients ask the question about the sealer being food safe as there are many other sealers out there being used but are designed for floors and driveways.
- We can achieve oversized, large benchtops in one piece, meaning no joins. The size that can be achieved is determined on a case-by-case basis. We understand this can be an expensive request when looking at other benchtop alternatives, however for us, our only concern is getting it into place.
- When looking at other benchtop alternatives, more often than not, you are purchasing a sheet of material, whether you use the whole sheet or not for your benchtop, you pay for the whole sheet and often there is wastage that you pay for. As everything we do is custom and hand made, there is no wastage. You only pay for exactly what you need. Your benchtop material is weighed out to the gram so there is no wastage.
- GFRC as an outdoor kitchen benchtop is a great alternative. The product is great for the outdoors. We often tell our clients they can just hose down their benchtop in order to keep it clean. Our sealer is UV stable and will not flake away over time. The colour of the concrete will not fade overtime even in direct sunlight, unlike some other benchtop alternatives.
- As our indoor and outdoor kitchen benchtops are completely custom and hand made, we have a lot of flexibility when it comes to size and design. We are certainly not restricted and limited in what we can do.





H O W D O Y O U C O M P A R E ?

The big question. This is one of the first questions we usually get asked, “how do you compare cost wise to other benchtop alternatives?”.

It’s a bit of a multi-layered answer.

1. Cost aside, it’s difficult to compare a GFRC benchtop to other benchtop alternatives. GFRC is not plastic, it’s not a benchtop trying to give the illusion of being something it’s not, its not a sheet imported from overseas and cut down. We want our clients to truly want concrete as their benchtop, not to get it because it turns out cheaper, we want our clients to truly appreciate it as a hand-made product, a completely custom made product with its own characteristics and texture and want it for the fact it is unlike any other benchtop alternative.

2. We understand budget is important, it’s important for everyone. It is also important to do your research about the product and where you are buying it from. Whilst you may be initially saving money from a cheaper Quote or store, we don’t want it to cost you later on.

3. Cost wise, it’s interesting. Sometimes we are more expensive, sometimes we are really close and other times we are cheaper. It depends on the project itself, if the features and benefits listed on Page 4 are required, and the overall square meters. We don’t have a set square meter rate, where we sit cost wise, really depends on the individual project.

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 (image 1-10 below) however any colour can be achieved through a custom sample process (if required). All grey colours can have a warm (image 9 & 10 below) or cool (image 1-8 below) tone.

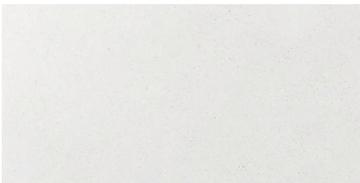
Most projects are white, grey or black, but we certainly offer colours like pink, blue and green to name a few. At Mitchell Bink Concrete Design, we offer three different Finishes:

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. This Finish can be achieved in any of the colours below.

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.

1. PABLO WHITE



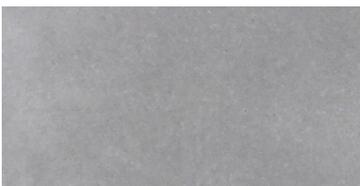
2. CREAM



3. SILVER FOX



4. GREY GOOSE



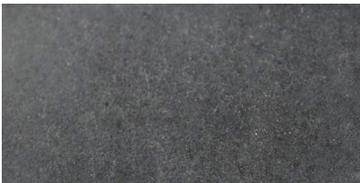
5. RAINMAKER



6. SMOKEY



7. NIGHT FALL



8. CARBON



9. SIMPLY TAUPE



10. CAFE GREY



11. SIGNATURE RANGE



12. TROWELED FINISH



O U R P R O C E S S

STEP 1: Email us a copy of your plans or a drawing of your proposed design/layout. It is best for this to include the length, width and preferred thickness of each piece. From here, we will be able to send you an initial Quote to give you an indication of price. Also include your address for delivery and installation, including any information we may need to know about access (stairs, steep driveway, narrow entrance etc).

STEP 2: If the initial Quote is something you may be interested in, we would recommend you make an appointment to come in and see us. During your appointment, we can discuss the project further, discuss the product, check out colours and samples and the projects we are currently working on.

STEP 3: If you decide to proceed, it's best you keep us in the loop in terms of timeframe so we can keep the project in our pipeline and temporarily book in a final measure and site visit.

STEP 4: Mitchell will come and complete a final site measure once your cabinetry has been installed.

STEP 5: Once final measurements have been taken and we have all of the required information for the project (like colour, sink location etc), we are ready to get started.

STEP 6: We will make the formwork for the project, cast the project, process it and seal it. For this stage, we will need atleast 7-10 days for this process.

STEP 7: We will keep in touch during this process and once sealing is underway, we will be in touch to arrange a day and time for delivery and installation. Depending on the current workload at the time, we usually ask our clients to allow 3-5 weeks from final measure to installation, however, as I mention above we only need 7-10 days to create your project.

STEP 8: We are ready for installation. As for you, sit back, relax, and admire!



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.

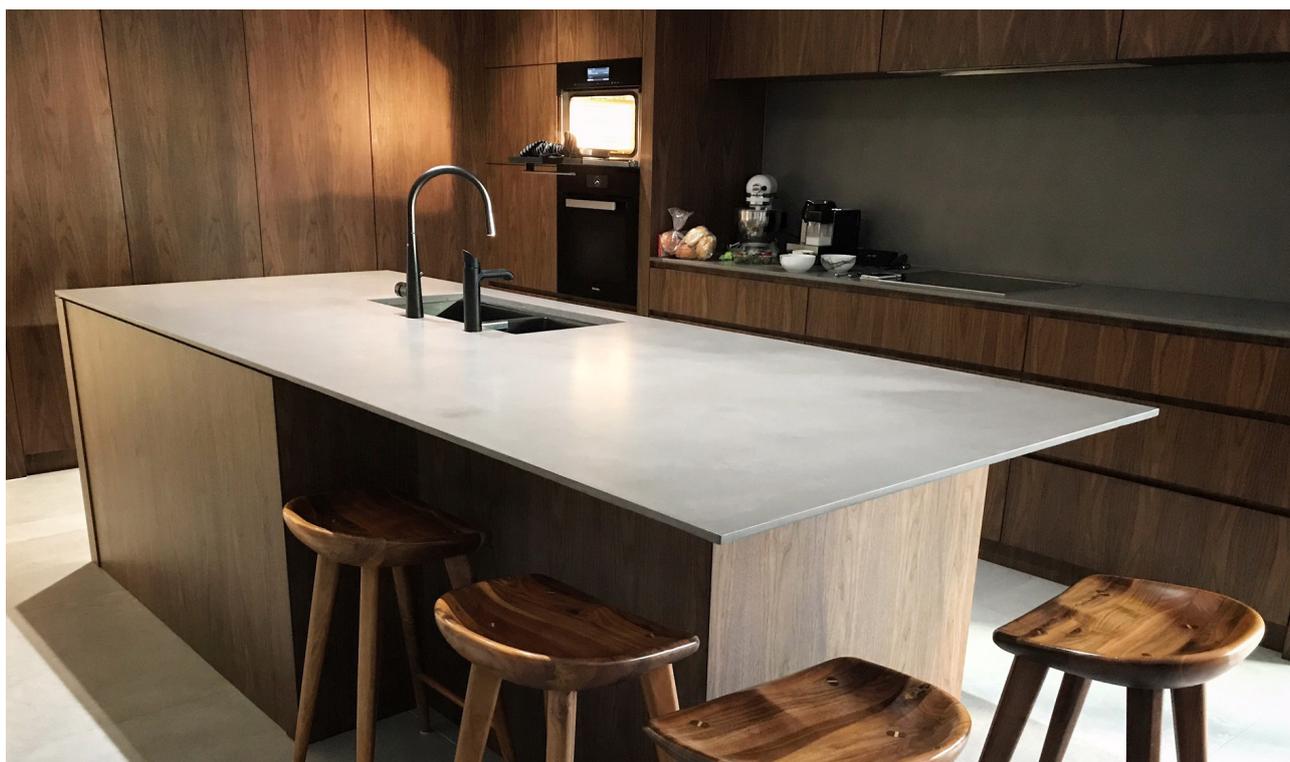
W A T E R F A L L E N D S

Quite often with indoor and outdoor kitchen projects, there can be waterfall ends as part of the design.

At Mitchell Bink Concrete Design we offer two waterfall end join options. A Butt Join and a Shadow Line Join. There is no difference in price it is purely up to the client and what they prefer.



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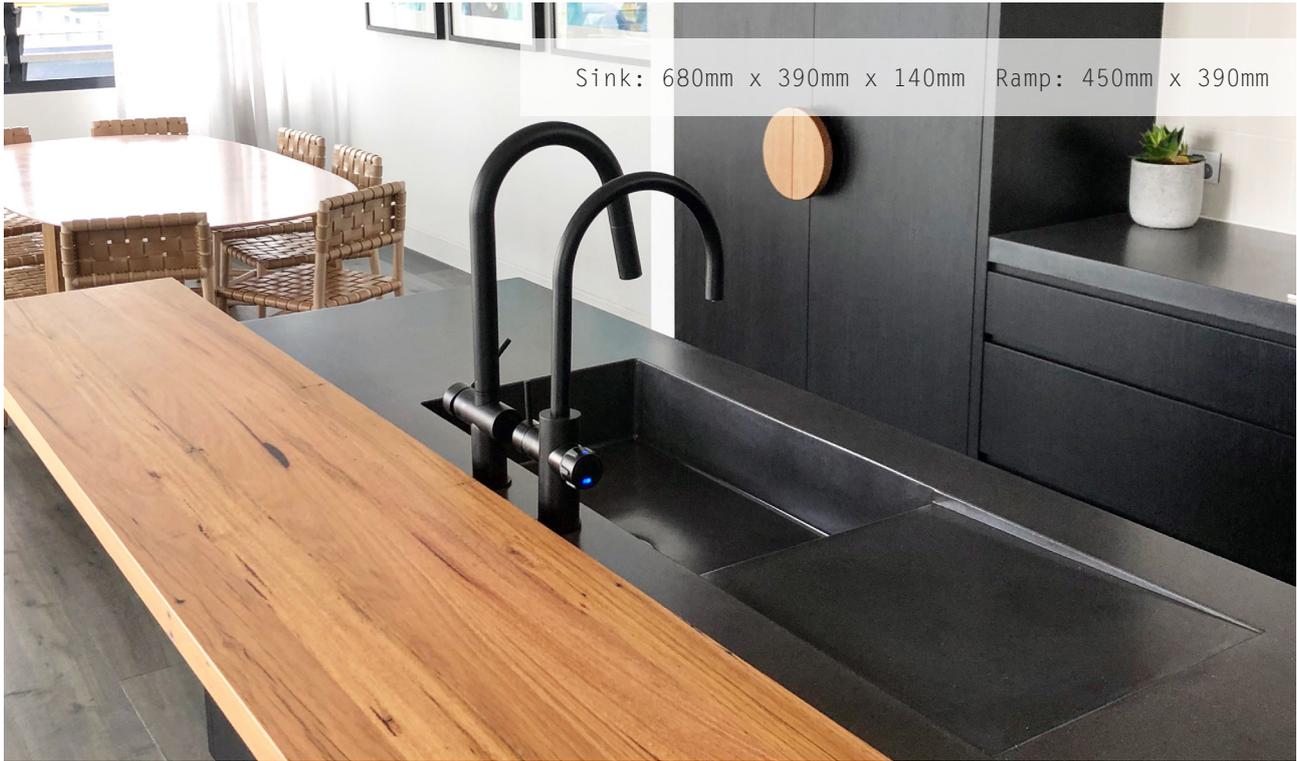


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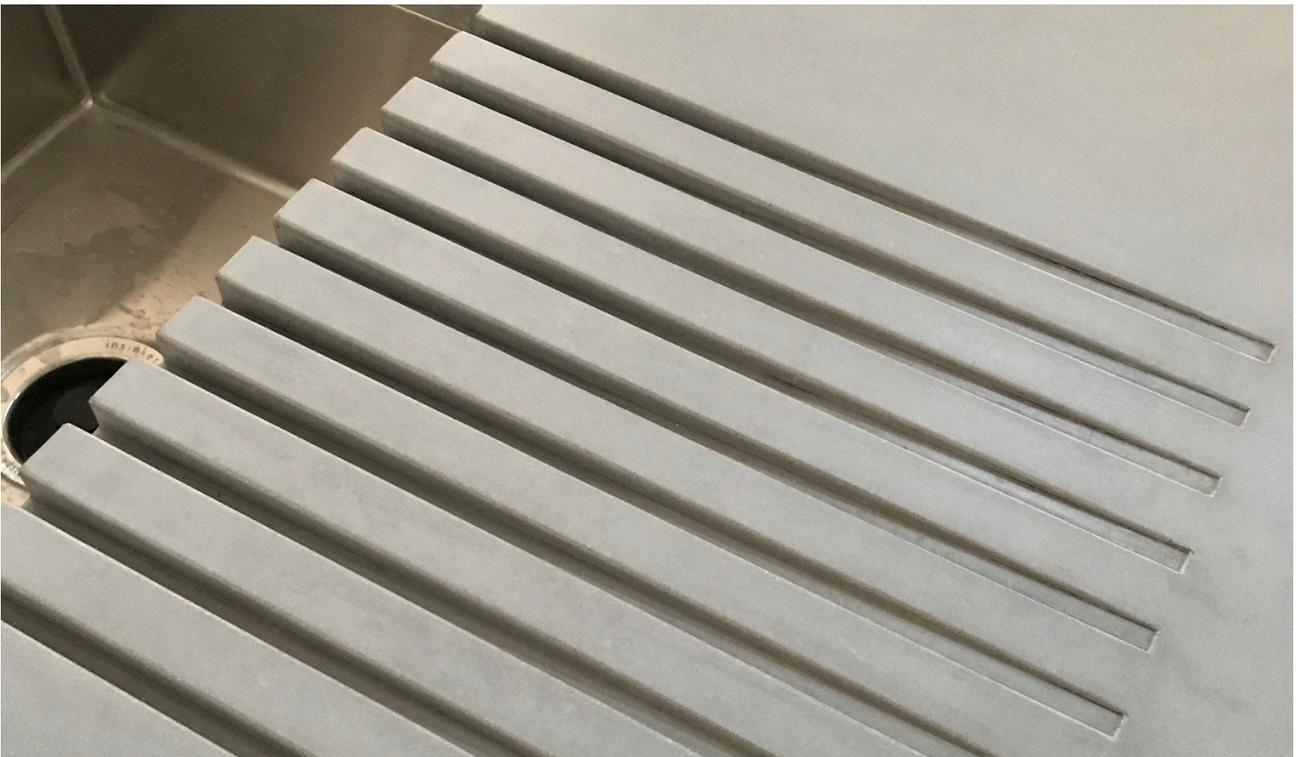


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Sink: 680mm x 390mm x 140mm Ramp: 450mm x 390mm

I N T E G R A T E D D R A I N G R O O V E S



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

Is GFRC right for you?

As GFRC is a natural stone, we understand and agree that this type of product is not for everyone as it does require extra care, this is why we provide our Care & Maintenance Guide, Terms & Conditions as well as encourage all clients to come into our workshop to view our work and educate them about what they can expect from the product. It is important clients understand just because it is a hard service and hard product that it is not indestructible and whilst concrete is a popular trend and looks incredible, its about whether you can, will and want to take that extra care to look after it.

There are certainly many advantages to the product such as it being completely custom made for you, that it is locally handmade so you are supporting a local small business and the flexibility and versatility of the product itself such as achieving oversized pieces with no joins and many thickness options just to name a few.

Whilst the product is sealed multiple times before it leaves our workshop, it is scratch and stain resistant to a degree, however it is a natural stone, it is possible for it to scratch or stain. It is possible for your piece to develop scratches, stains and signs of general ware, advice on how to avoid this, minimise this and fix this is included in our Care & Maintenance Guide or if you have any questions at all, please just ask.

Our goal is to provide clients with a piece that will look beautiful for many years, not short term, so we want to educate all of our clients on this information, we want to make sure the product is right for them.

Our Care & Maintenance Guide, Terms and Conditions & Warranty can be found on our website.

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