

A Sunny Yellow Kitchen Concealed in a Cupboard



Built in 1935 by Australian architect Acheson Best Overend, Cairo Flats is a historic art deco building located in Melbourne's Fitzroy suburb. An early example of micro living, the tiny apartments were initially designed with external cooking, laundry, and communal dining facilities. Fast-forward to present day, and the residences

have had to be reconfigured with all the necessary facilities inside, which is why architect Nicholas Agius needed to get creative in order to squeeze a new kitchen into his apartment's compact floor plan. His solution was to design a "tool box" that opens up to reveal a fully fitted kitchen, complete with a sink, oven, hob, and cleverly configured

storage. Two walls conceal the space: one is set on hinges so it can swing open; the other is hung on a rail so it can slide to the side to close off the adjacent bedroom. Smart ideas, like the overhead drying rack, make good use of the pocket-sized kitchen, while the sunny yellow woodwork adds a pop of cheery color.