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THE NEW OWNER of this garden apartment in a two-storey Federation building has an affinity for the classic appeal of grand country English and French homes, and interior designer Alexandra Ponting sought to create a sense of that here. "A development application enabled us to turn the existing kitchen into a second bedroom and add a new, more accessible kitchen that would sympathetically merge with the original architecture," she says. As with the rest of the house, Alexandra's design approach to the kitchen centred around creating an elegant, timeless and calm space. "Windows and custom French doors open out to the garden and are swathed in balloon roman blinds, which add a soft, romantic touch. Other classic features, such as the Italian cabochon tumbled marble floors and a freestanding French cooker, are balanced by the contemporary edge of a custom curved rangehood, a low Carrara marble splashback and simple single-slab benchtop." The integration of storage and appliances makes for a seamless look, while a subtle mix of aged brass hardware and panelling on the hand-painted joinery reveals the considered approach to detail. *What luxury items did you choose for this kitchen regardless of budget?* "The floors of Italian cabochon tumbled marble in Carrara with little Grigio diamond accents, which are a continuation of the flooring in the cottage's grand entrance. The same stone in a softer pattern, features as a splashback behind the cooker. The standout piece of the space is the beautiful Lacanche French cooker in stainless steel with brass hardware. This is centred on the French doors, creating a lovely view and interaction to the courtyard." apdesignhouse.com.au



Builder Interlock Construction. **Joinery** Custom hand-painted timber joinery with panel and beading detail by Space Joinery. **Benchtop and splashback** Carrara marble from Made in Stone. **Cooker splashback** Tumbled Carrara marble square tiles sourced from Italy. **Wall and ceiling finish** Dulux 'Vivid White'. **Flooring** Tumbled Carrara marble cabochon patterned tiles sourced from Italy. **Sink** 'Blanco' undermount stainless steel sink from Winning Appliances. **Tapware** Perrin & Rowe aged brass crosshead mixer from The English Tapware Company. **Appliances** Lacanche 'Cormatin' stainless steel cooker with brass hardware from Manorhouse. Westinghouse integrated rangehood. **Lighting** 1940s milk glass embellished pendant lamp sourced from California. **Furniture** Antique Swedish rococo dining chairs and table. **Accessories** French copper and brass cookware. Ceramics from Puglia.

