

Hart & Co. Kitchen Design Awards

Judging Process

Entries will be assessed by an independent judging panel comprising professionals from a range of disciplines, including architecture, interior design, kitchen design and creative industries such as photography.

Judging is conducted in three stages.

Stage 1 – Initial Review

Judges independently review all eligible entries before discussing each category as a panel.

Through professional discussion and consensus, the panel identifies projects that warrant further consideration and those that are unlikely to progress.

The objective of this stage is to gain an overall understanding of the category and reduce the field to a manageable shortlist for more detailed assessment.

Stage 2 – Finalist Selection

Through discussion and consensus, judges select **four finalists** in each judged category.

Where entries are closely matched, the published judging criteria may be used to guide discussion and assist the panel in distinguishing between projects.

Stage 3 – Winner Selection

Judges review the four finalists in each category and determine the category winner through professional discussion and consensus.

Where a clear winner emerges, the panel may determine the outcome by consensus.

Where entries are closely matched, the published judging criteria provide the framework for distinguishing between projects.

Note: All judging decisions are final. No correspondence will be entered into.

Stage 4 – Hart & Co. Designer of the Year

The winners of the following categories become eligible:

- Kitchen Design Excellence – up to \$80,000
 - Kitchen Design Excellence – \$80,000-\$150,000
 - Kitchen Design Excellence – over \$150,000
 - Best Kitchen Transformation
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Kitchen Design Excellence Judging Criteria

The following judging criteria apply to:

- Kitchen Design Excellence – up to \$80,000
- Kitchen Design Excellence – \$80,000 - \$150,000
- Kitchen Design Excellence – over \$150,000
- Fisher & Paykel Kitchen Design Excellence*

Criteria	Points
Functionality of overall kitchen design	30
Design focus – appearance and aesthetics	15
Appliance integration – function and aesthetics	15
Materials, lighting, and natural light	15
Quality of workmanship and finish	15
Innovation and sustainability	10
Total	100

*Fisher & Paykel Kitchen Design Excellence

To be eligible for the Fisher & Paykel Kitchen Design Excellence category, entries must include a minimum of **two major Fisher & Paykel appliances**, including at least one oven or cooker, plus a cooktop, refrigeration, dishwasher or rangehood.

Eligible entries are assessed using the same judging criteria as the Kitchen Design Excellence categories.

Best Kitchen Transformation

The Best Kitchen Transformation category recognises the successful renovation or reimagining of an existing kitchen, celebrating projects that demonstrate exceptional design thinking, improved functionality and an outstanding overall transformation.

Entries must include before and after images.

Criteria	Points
Overall transformation of the kitchen	35
Functionality and improvement to the space	25
Design outcome – appearance and aesthetics	15
Creativity and problem solving	15
Quality of workmanship and finish	10
Total	100

Eligibility Summary

The Hart & Co. Kitchen Design Awards are open exclusively to entrants whose principal place of business or study is in Western Australia.

Eligible projects include residential new builds, renovations and extensions completed during the **Project Eligibility Period (1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026)**.

Display suites and non-residential projects are not eligible.

The **Emerging Talent – Best Kitchen Design Concept** category is open to students enrolled in a recognised Western Australian secondary school, TAFE or tertiary institution.

For full eligibility requirements, submission criteria and category-specific conditions, please refer to the **Hart & Co. Kitchen Design Awards Terms & Conditions of Entry**.

Category Value Determination

To determine the appropriate Kitchen Design Excellence category, calculate the total project value (including GST) using the following components:

- Kitchen cabinetry
- Benchtops
- Splashbacks
- Appliances

Do not include:

- Building works
- Trades (e.g. electrical or plumbing)
- Flooring
- Lighting

Projects should be entered into one of the following categories:

- Kitchen Design Excellence – up to \$80,000
- Kitchen Design Excellence – \$80,000 – \$150,000
- Kitchen Design Excellence – over \$150,000

Award Categories & Prize Values

Category	Prize Value
Kitchen Design Excellence – up to \$80,000	\$3,000
Kitchen Design Excellence – \$80,000-\$150,000	\$3,000
Kitchen Design Excellence – over \$150,000	\$3,000
Best Kitchen Transformation	\$3,000
Fisher & Paykel Kitchen Design Excellence	\$3,000
People's Choice – Kitchen Design Excellence	\$3,000
Emerging Talent – Best Kitchen Design Concept	\$1,000
Hart & Co. Designer of the Year	Bonus \$2,000

In the event of a tie, the prize will be divided equally between the winners.