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The kitchen is the heart of the home. In many homes, it is the space where most of our living takes place. It is where we gather as a family, converse with friends, and, of course, where we eat, entertain and celebrate.

Updating the kitchen can change the entire dynamic of the home. This is why so many Australians choose to renovate or update their kitchen, rather than undertaking the challenge of building an entirely new home.

Whether you're renovating your kitchen space or building a new home, some careful thought needs to be given to the character and design of your new kitchen.

Careful thought needs to be given to a number of things when designing a kitchen. There is the obvious: storage space and proximity to appliances are important. However, foot traffic and flow are important too. If there are people in the kitchen, can traffic still flow around them? People love to gather and talk in kitchens, does your new kitchen space provide a comfortable place for guests to talk to each other or to you while

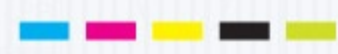
you're cooking up a feast? And there is the all important aesthetic consideration: from modern statement kitchens to traditionally appointed spaces, this publication has something for every home.

Inside this publication we showcase many kitchen companies and how they have made best use of the space, matching the needs of the client in some stunning, functional kitchen designs. Oh yes and by the way, we have some amazing bathroom designs as well.

Enjoy.

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Carrick Project

This is a multi-functional and opulent modern kitchen enhanced by an extravagant and diverse range of materials and made timeless by the inviting warmth and style of its form.





Designed by Renette Burne and constructed by Bathrooms and Kitchens By Urban, this stunning, expansive kitchen space replaces a tiny kitchen that looked completely out of proportion in an enormous room. Made dark by slate floors and cramped despite the connection to the larger space, the old kitchen failed to do justice to the rest of the beautiful home.

The new kitchen is a triumphant example of freedom of design. Double island benches with feature 'wings' of Calcutta marble frame the kitchen space beautifully. These unique marble ends transform the islands from simple benches into stunning furniture that delineates the space. Feature shelving further highlights the space, but aids in integrating the kitchen, dining and living area.

Warm timber flooring, window frames and ceiling highlight the crispness of the two pack satin finish cabinets in Dulux whisper white. The kickboard is black mirror, a subtle but bold design note.

Incorporating an office area is an unusual feature of the kitchen, but it enhances rather than detracts from the space. Parallel to the cooktop, the functional addition is concealed by matching cabinetry, ensuring seamless integration.

Storage has been provided for all appliances and the space has been zoned diligently to accommodate the size and scope of the room. The space is suitable for entertaining large crowds, but intimate enough for quiet meals – an ideal contemporary kitchen, perfectly suited to the home.

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Hawkers Road

There is a subdued grace and strength behind this bathroom design by Renette Burne that sets it apart from a traditional bathroom space. With an expertly executed construction by Bathrooms and Kitchens By Urban, the unique textural implementation gives the small room a comfortable depth and space. The light tonal colour palette enhances the natural and artificial light that floods the room.





Making the most of a small space, this is an impressive bathroom with immediate impact. Fresh, modern and functional, the bathroom hits all the requirements for an ideal contemporary space. Detailed and careful design ensures that this is not merely an out-of-the-box practical bathroom space.

The stunning Apaiser Mossman freestanding bath in snowdrift with shell is the undeniable feature of the room, and sets the tone of the bathroom. The washbasin, also by Apaiser and of the same finish ties the two sides of the room together.

The intricate tiling work accommodates the exquisite tiles. The floor is laid in elegant black, semi-polished porcelain, which contrasts with the walls, an exquisitely textured Porcelanosa Qatar Nacar. This flowing, defined pattern is a feature that is both delicate and enduring, enhancing the individuality of the bathroom and providing a crisp, clean element that reflects the light of the space.

The Fowler Seido wall hung toilet has a concealed cistern and is stylish and undemanding. Concealed beside the custom made two-pack vanity in basalt gloss, the toilet is discreet. The custom-

made mirror cabinets and the frameless glass divider of the shower enhance the sense of space.

This tranquil haven of relaxation is enhanced by some subtle luxurious inclusions. The mood lighting, ideal for soaking in the tub, brings an entirely different atmosphere to the room. Under floor heating is also a delightful addition.

This new bathroom space replaces a poorly laid out and dated bathroom with a functional, beautiful and innovative design. Minimal finishes bring a timelessness to this contemporary design that ensures the space will continue to be a pleasing for years to come.

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Rathdowne Street Bathroom

Exploring a range of previously unused materials and undertaking techniques previously not attempted, unparalleled attention to detailed workmanship helped to realize this soothing minimal design.



The client worked closely with the builder and the builder's in-house documentation team to achieve this design, that is both compliant with building constraints and provides an exciting and functional bathroom. The desire for a simple but stunning room was matched by Cameron Construction's experience and willingness to develop solutions to new changes posed by the build.

The bathroom is uncompromisingly restrained. The bluestone floor tiles add a luxurious touch, against which the white tiled walls and white joinery provide contrast. A large glass wall opens onto the narrow side courtyard planted with bamboo, creating a dynamic feature that floods the room with natural light.

The cantilevered vanity bench in high-gloss Ebony veneer complements the monochromatic colour-scheme, providing both

visual interest and a visual feature. A simple rectangular Duravit basin and a Fantini tap inset completes the chic but unfussy look.

This is a stunning bathroom space, expertly conceived and constructed. Careful delineation of space, a unified material palette and contrasting tones throughout offer a relaxed and comfortable retreat that makes the most of every opportunity that the room presents.

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Rathdowne Street Kitchen

Introducing a bold industrial aesthetic into a renovated Victorian home, this handsome kitchen is the result of a close working relationship between the builder, the in-house documentation team and the client.



Practical but innovative, this elegant but unfussy kitchen represents a willingness to think outside the box when implementing design.

The new kitchen perpetuates the black, grey and white Victorian-inspired colour scheme present in the rest of the house, tying it to the original home. However, the striking commercial aesthetic achieved with extensive use of stainless steel balanced by dark, sleek contemporary cabinetry and joinery brings something new and exciting to the home.

The polished concrete floor slab was cast in situ without additives or selected aggregate to give a varied and honest expression of the material, resulting in a hardwearing and solid base from which the kitchen arises. Two bench and cupboard units articulated entirely in stainless steel contrast with the wall of full-height Wenge veneer panels, which conceal the fridge and pantry.

The wall of bi-fold doors immediately behind the bench unit open the courtyard as an extension of the kitchen, and the island bench can serve both areas, making the transition between outdoor and indoor effortless and comfortable as well as extending the kitchen space.

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7A Urban Footprint



Contemporary and workable, this is an innovative but simple design that works in harmony with the interior style of the entire home. Serving as an ensuite to the master bedroom, a creative layout and a unique one-way mirror provides privacy and allows the bathroom access to the magnificent views of Mount Wellington.

The slick double vessel vanity frames the view, which is visible from the luxury of the free-standing bath. The neutral, restrained palette is enhanced by the striking flecks of the blue/silver high gloss polished concrete floors, which complement the tonal shift from the all-white bathroom to the large format 'Celtic Titanium' bathroom floor and wall tiles and the grey tinted shower screen.

Creative articulation of space has resolved the client's priorities, maximizing the views whilst maintaining an intimate and enclosed bathroom that encourages relaxed habitation.

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Binnie House

This modernist kitchen is simple, consistent and clean. The restrained colour palette and subdued materiality provide unity, resulting in an attractive and visually straightforward design with long-wearing timelessness.



Stainless steel benchtops are durable and hygienic, ideal for the home chef who is always entertaining. The hard-wearing, polished, absolute black granite is a clean surface against which the stainless steel provides strong visual emphasis. The undulated surface of the cantilevered bench-top within the kitchen contrasts with the smooth steel and granite, providing a defined casual dining area.

Solid timber stools modelled in organic shapes reflect the minimal style, while geometric order is provided by the unified cabinetry. The soothing, neutral palette of creams and greys highlighted by oak reduces any sensation of clutter, creating a calming space.

Striking balance between opposing and contrasting elements is central to the design, with lighting given due importance. The

available natural light is accessed through the overhead skylight. In addition to the Reggiani Sunny Lights, Flos Foglia wall lights provide a moody ambience.

Modern yet comfortable, this kitchen space is united in its attractive and uncomplicated design. Elegantly executed, this striking kitchen is perfectly suited to the beautifully decorated home it inhabits.

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Burridge Read Residence Bathroom



The tiles in this delightful and unusual bathroom space represent the dappled colours and shifting patterns of sun filtered through a tree canopy, a unique design feature in a unique bathroom that encapsulates everything wonderful about this renovated interior.

A stunning outlook is framed by timber veneer cabinetry and joinery that fills and juts to accommodate the odd angles of the room. A frameless glass shower is unobtrusive, allowing space for the freestanding tub in an unusual but innovative use of minimal area that reflects the beauty of the beautiful bush land surrounding the home.

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Burridge Read Residence Kitchen



Renovated as part of a complete overhaul of a beachside property on the Central Coast, north of Sydney, this kitchen forms a strong connection to the landscape. Extensive use of timber provides a comfortable, intimate atmosphere and a strong association with the surrounding gum trees.

Warm tones and well conceived, atmospheric lighting bring warmth to the space, but extensive light and the option to connect the outdoor deck space to the interior provides a sense of freedom and space. This is a beautiful, comfortable and functional kitchen that has made this holiday home an infinitely more inviting space.

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Conon Road

Mellow and comfortable, this cosy bathroom space benefits from warm feature lighting and an inviting palette. Though the bathroom is small and provides the warmth and privacy of an intimate space, glazing and a large mirror provide a sense of depth that brings a new level of comfort.





Honey and caramel tones highlighted by considered LED lighting provide a warmth and luxury that doesn't overwhelm the space. A feature wall in large format porcelain tiles in "Latte" bears a heated towel rack, one of the many subtle concessions to comfort that the simple bathroom provides.

The crisp ivory tiles on the remaining three walls provide a touch of purity that ensure the warmer colours don't weigh too heavily in the limited space. The floor is tiled in honed, finished porcelain, which provides a nice base on which the complementary colours of the design naturally sit. The extensive and diverse tiling is sleek and highlights the classic elements of the design.

The design is contemporary in its cleanness, its considered palette and its use of bold lines and lighting. However, there is a classic element to the design made apparent by the inbuilt square bath, the

dual vanity and the cabinetry. The warmth and the inviting nature of the room provide longevity in design.

This is a comfortable bathroom space that is simple, but offers a sense of luxury. The sleek, serious design and the use of welcoming warm tones create a serene bathing environment that is practical for day to day use and private and comfortable for longer retreats in the beautiful Newbury Island bath by Stylus.

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Lawley Street

The challenge presented by a limited space has become a non-issue in this impressive contemporary design by Design and Decorate WA. Cool, fresh and exciting, this renovation has completely transformed the space.





Immediate impact is created by the splashback glass. Custom made by Peters Glazing Service in Really Russet, this 6mm toughened glass is a glittering enhancement that brings real character and a sophisticated modern edge to the space. This feature ensures the individuality of the modern space.

Rather than hiding the functional aspects of the kitchen, the range hood has been made into a striking feature. Hinting at the more industrial style of a commercial kitchen without overwhelming the small space, the Highland Glass cooker hood sits above a built-in cooktop and offers lighting, a multiple-speed fan and ducted ventilation.

Stainless steel and glass form a contemporary textural palette against which the bright orange splashback and the crisp Parchment gloss of the cabinetry stand out. The clean lines and crisp textures provide a freshness that lends a sense of extra space to the design.

Clever lighting further highlights the use of space and offers a sense of cheerfulness to the contemporary design. Long LED strips against the kickboard allow the cabinets to appear as if they are floating above the large format gloss porcelain tiles in travertine.

Modern appliances and a bold, confident use of colour balanced by strong lines and crisp lighting communicate modernity and a keen eye for stylish design. The resulting space, though small, feels spacious and is unquestionably functional, an ideally renovated kitchen space for any home.

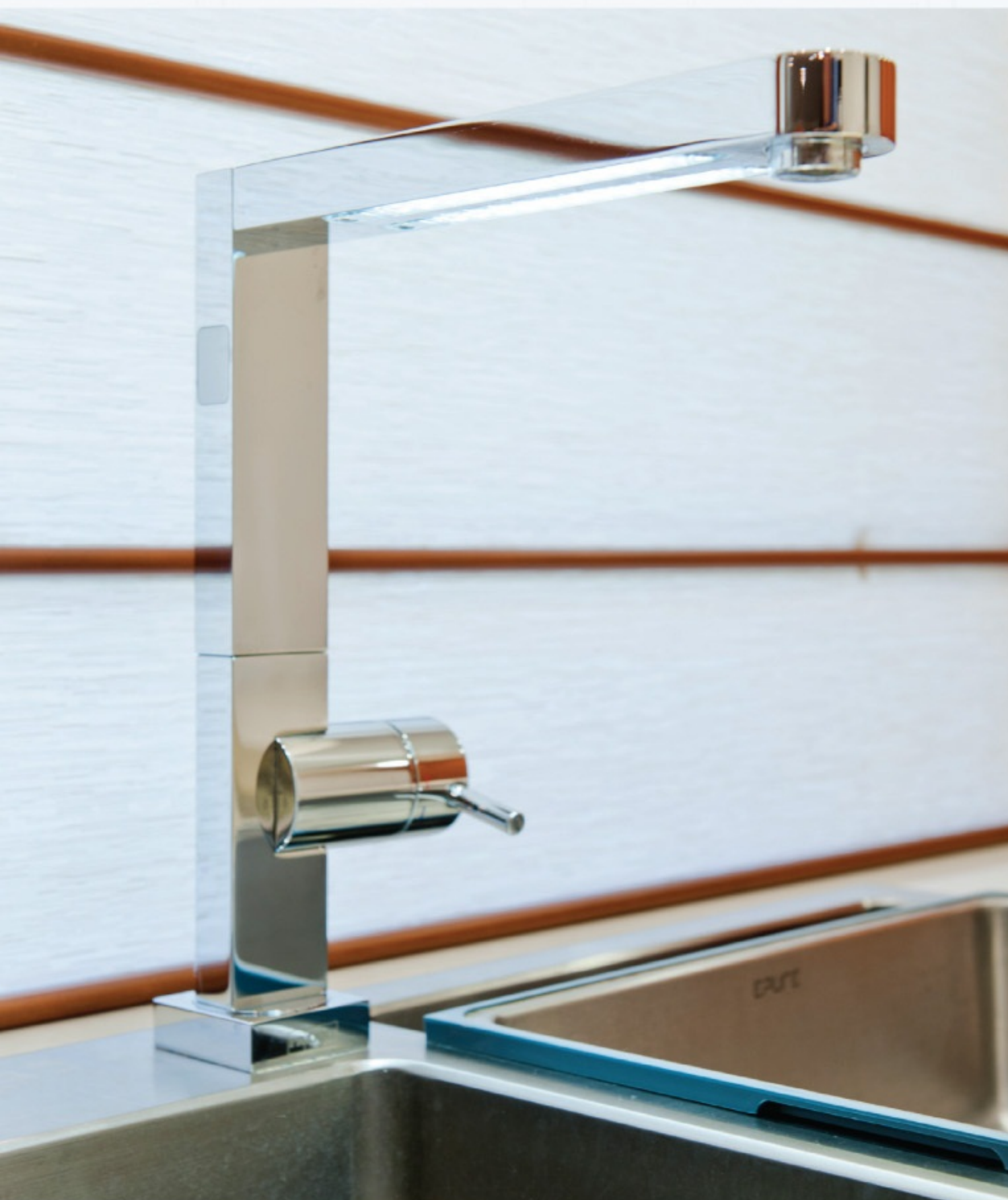
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Warragul Pool House Bathroom



Stylish, bold, sculptural and unusual, this bathroom by Design Unity is a transcendent space. Bluestone tiles line the walls and floor, complementing the raw finishes found outside the space and lending cool depth to the room. The organic stone bath, basin and toilet suite are elegantly rendered features of the space. Small, detailed notes complete the bathroom.

The tapware, the custom made vanity top and the concealed storage in the mirror make the bathroom unique, as do the individually formed towel and robe hooks. Openness, height and the use of louvers allow the clients to imagine they are showering in a boutique hotel, a pleasant luxury to indulge in every day.

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Warragul Pool House Kitchen



Designed as an element of a home for a young family that will require a dynamic and evolving use of space over time, this kitchen had to be functional, accessible and attractive. The resulting design is compact, but open, connecting the dining experience to the cooking. This detail reflects the openness of the family that occupies the home.

The kitchen comprises high gloss black 2 pack finishes on the cabinetry and joinery, reflecting the adjacent space while concealing the TV integrated into the south-end of the kitchen amenity. A concrete bench top provides a practical and durable workspace that integrates the sink and extends as a bar outside. The entire space is unified through the use of the alloy star patterned splashback that reflects dynamic light throughout the space as the day progresses.

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Adelaide Residence

This clear and concise kitchen rebuild by Enoki is low fuss and highly functional, featuring materials and finishes that are durable and timeless. Built for a busy and active young family, the highly functional design has ideally fulfilled the brief.





The design-savvy client requested a functional, minimal design solution that would combine a desire for an aesthetic kitchen with the need for a practical one. The attention to detail, line, transition and balance in both the design and execution of the project exceeded the requirements of the initial brief and the expectations of the client.

The linear kitchen space boasts clean, modern lines and efficient seating. The minimal colour palette opens up the space, allowing for the tight space planning. Stainless steel, marble and two-pack lacquer offers an ultra-clean finish.

The galley-style kitchen leads to the feature wall, which draws a hint of nature into the otherwise clean space. Images were taken of an ivy covered wall, then converted into wallpaper and covered with clear, toughened glass to provide a protective surface.

Everything within this design is at your fingertips. Long benches provide ample prep space as well as a quick spot for kids' meals. The kitchen connects seamlessly with the rest of the home, and is timeless in style and form.

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Kings Park Residence



The clever utilisation of this long, narrow space has provided the clients with a light filled, easy to use and comfortable bathroom.

Environmentally friendly products were employed wherever possible, and the sleek yet organic environment uses a mixture of man-made and natural materials. This is a space that truly embodies the idea that 'small is beautiful', combining a contemporary aesthetic with innovative design solutions in a strong yet subtly beautiful design.

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North Adelaide Residence



Utilising all available surfaces, this small, compact design avoids creating visual clutter.

This is a space that exercises collaborative design, arriving at an interior with soul and substance. Providing a busy client with a luxurious space in which to unwind and relax or re-energise at the beginning and end of the day, the thoughtful juxtaposition of natural materials and man-made luxury amenities has resulted in a private haven within the home.

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McKenzie Residence



Dramatic and unusual, this ensuite oozes cool. Effortlessly plush and full of life, this is a space in which you could spend hours laying in the elegant freestanding bath on its theatrically raised red-tiled platform, looking out across the landscape as the sun sets.

Black high gloss floor tiles underlie the chic, bold mixture of colours, textures and tones that define the space. Romantic wallpaper, the mirrored splashback and the warm mosaic of the inviting shower give this room an identity all its own. Stylish, groovy and just the right amount of unusual, this bathroom design has individualised a boring 'box' shaped room, providing instead an inspiring modern boudoir.

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Siltman Bathroom



This is a functional, beautiful bathroom design that provides an all-purpose ensuite for a young couple. It is functional, boasting a range of storage solutions including a walk in robe and a number of pull out draws.

The entire front of the new extension is glass, and the bathroom is no exception, but a reflective tint provides privacy during the day and a sharp outward-facing spotlight ensures that night time bathing can be accommodated. This feature gives the bathroom an amazing sense of openness and connection, while not compromising the intimacy of the space.

Beautiful features and a carefully articulated layout make this an ideal amenity space. This is a bathroom addition that lifts the standard of the house both functionally and aesthetically.

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Siltman Kitchen



Replacing a tired, inefficient kitchen and laundry space, this state of the art, sophisticated and well designed space looks amazing and is functional, ergonomic and practical as well.

A window splashback is one of the most attractive features of the new space. Carved into arches of rare convict brick dating back to the 70s, this serves dual purpose of forming a connection to the formal dining room and providing visual access to the Derwent River, a view previously only available from the lower level of the house.

Seamless, bright and stylish this kitchen space has turned a dowdy, outdated and impractical kitchen into a modern, practical and light-filled space that is a comfortable feature area of the beautifully renovated home.

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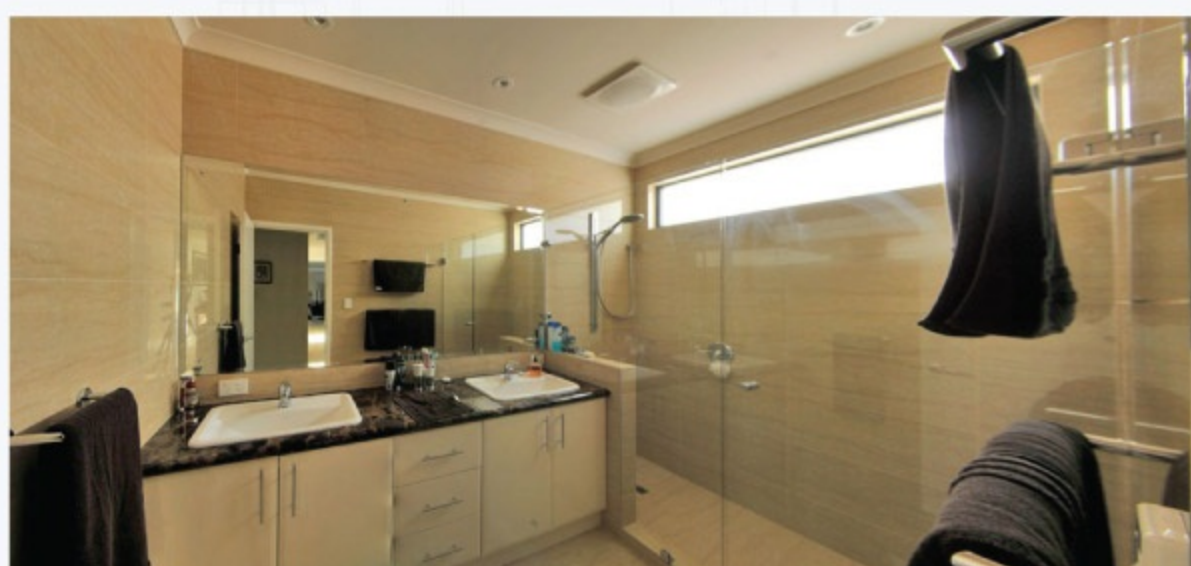
Coogee Residence



Natural tones and glass set the tone for this elegantly articulated contemporary bathroom space. Representing the culmination of an extensive renovation, the bathroom was completely overhauled. The main ensuite was entirely demolished, plumbing relocated and the space reimaged to provide a comfortable and attractive bathroom.

The tile cladding on the floor and walls completes the space, and the sophisticated techniques and attention to detail represented by the execution of the simple, practical and beautiful design is testament to the quality of workmanship Finish My Home provide.

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Raw Zen

There is a relaxed, comfortable and open ambience to this bathroom space built by GIA Bathroom Renovations. Natural tones, crisp lines and a subtle, but strongly communicated attention to detail produce a cosy, undemanding private space.





Designed by the building's architects to sit comfortably within the home and with further adjustments made by GIA for the clients, this new bathroom space has a clearly evident flow, one that leads to the picture window beside the bath and overlooks a vine-covered wall, thus ensuring that the space maintains a feeling of safety and privacy while drawing in the outside beauty.

The previous layout of the bathroom was messy and disconnected, consisting of too many rooms and doors. This open plan design, on the other hand, has eliminated segregation. The new layout is clean, with a focus on user friendliness. The area has been split in two, providing a walk-in robe and a room for all bathroom amenities.

The frameless glass shower found within this bathroom adds to the visual continuity of the space. Along with the timber look-alike tiles that provide a warm base throughout the room, the shower enhances

the sense of connection. The style is earthy and natural. The free standing natural terrazzo stone bath and basins are a key feature, highlighted by the brown, timber-look laminate cabinetry and shelves, which provide a perfect space to place candles.

Neutral and restrained, the large window and the elegant forms of the freestanding tub and basins become the central features of this comfortable bathroom space.

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Bonbeach Project



Designed to capture the sun and communicate the idea of sand and summer breezes, this fresh, light, open bathroom makes the best use of spectacular bay views. Ignoring the framework for traditional usage patterns in favour of a more customized space that is nonetheless mindful of spatial limitations, the bathroom penetrates the master bedroom in a combination of private spaces that wouldn't seem out of place in an upscale hotel.

Understated elegance and a contemporary aesthetic expresses an individual look. Designed as a cohesive suite, a feature bed head and modesty wall is all that separates the bathroom from the master bedroom.

The shower, bath, vanities and toilets are positioned on an elevated level, designed to take in borrowed bay views. Natural light and sea breezes are harvested to complement the eclectic selections of fixtures and finishes. This is an intimate, calm space that reinforces the ideal aspect of a coastal retreat.

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Edithvale Project



This is a practical and workable kitchen that creates minimal fuss through design, choosing instead to frame the stunning bay views afforded by the location of the home. At first glance, the kitchen appears to be little more than an isolated island bench. Upon a closer look, the discrete location of appliances and kitchen elements allow the simple space to be absorbed into the living and dining space.

Generous workspaces are kept simple, clean and clutter free with the implementation of a butler's pantry. The kitchen can expand either into the pantry through industrial Häfele sliding doors or spill onto the deck from the rear through bi-fold doors.

A subtle but rich palette of neutral colours is made vibrant by occasional splashes of bold accent. Open planning and thoughtful detail allow this kitchen to sit as an independent space or connect to adjacent areas, both indoors and out.

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French Provincial

A grand bathroom for a grand home, this classically inspired space has a traditional aesthetic with a modern edge. French influenced, fancy and fully appointed, this glorious bathroom is perfect within an elegant, opulent design.



Striking a balance between new world sensitivity and old world charm, this beautiful bathroom doesn't compromise its aesthetic for a second, but nor is functionality ignored. The freestanding claw foot cast iron bath is a resplendent centerpiece in burgundy, a thematic colour for the bathroom that provides warmth. Representing the grandeur and opulence of French period style, this is the logical feature of the room.

The golden dove style basin outlets and the gold framed wall hung mirrors provide an appropriate backdrop to convey the sense of royal style that the bathroom embodies. Alongside the tile patterns and the gold fixtures and fittings, these highlights truly complete the design.

Bathrooms are often an afterthought in an otherwise well conceived interior space, but this beautiful space is an example of just how important a bathroom can be in a complete interior.

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Grollo A380

This kitchen was designed with four things in mind. It had to be functional, practical, stylish and unique, and these four check points were laid down as rules against which the success of the kitchen space would be measured. The beautiful kitchen in Grollo's A380 display home meets and exceeds the expectations of the list in a stunning, sleek individual kitchen space.





The kitchen is often considered the heart of the home, and this is a kitchen that truly epitomises the metaphor. Sacrificing nothing, the impact of every element of the kitchen was considered against the final design, resulting in a space that is the height of aesthetic appeal and functionality.

The kitchen is of a galley style, providing easy access to the adjoining scullery, laundry, powder room and external areas and living spaces. Yellow mosaic tiles highlight the transition spaces between the kitchen and scullery and the scullery and laundry, a subtle visual demarcation of space.

A large one piece clear glass window splashback was incorporated to flood the task areas with natural light. This also provides an outlook

to an external courtyard space, thereby creating a pleasant working environment and a strong connection to the outdoors.

The seamless, sleek appearance of the kitchen is complemented by the floating island bench. The two-tone colours and altering planes are reminiscent of a piece of modern sculptural art, a reminder that architecture and art are one and the same.

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East Meets West Kitchen

There are few elements of a home so dependant on functionality as the kitchen. Renovating a house gives owners the opportunity to plan this crucial space to ensure it meets every requirement. In this home one finds a kitchen that makes a statement about its owners; who they are and how they function.





Built to accommodate a family of four, this is a simple, relaxing and practical space that pays respectful homage to their Japanese heritage through modern Japanese-inspired interior design.

Central to Japanese interior design is simplicity, minimalism, space and order. The beauty in these designs arises from their uncomplicated functionality, with each design element fitting neatly into a specific place within the whole, creating a harmonious and understated environment. Basing a kitchen on these principles is an exercise in restraint, but the result is a sophisticated, relaxing and thoroughly exquisite space.

The Japanese concept of 'Ma', a conscious feeling of space, plays an important role in this design. It ensures freedom of movement and imparting a sense of calm and ambience in the room. The choice of an open-plan galley-style kitchen ensures the space is not overloaded.

Set-in kicks and an 80mm cantilevered feature stone island bench allow the cabinetry objects their own section. Rather than appearing empty or unused, this void creates a 'push-pull' effect between empty and occupied, creating visual interest with the tension.

Sensitive to the need for non-physical boundaries, and with a view towards creating a modern twist on the traditional tatami wall, a small drop-down ceiling with encased LED strip lighting subtly and seamlessly defines the space.

Simplicity and minimalism feature as both form and functional features of the kitchen. A butler's pantry at the rear keeps the main kitchen free of clutter while providing storage space and an out-of-the-way preparation area for entertaining. Sliding shoji doors constructed with timber veneer and rice paper glass maintain the traditional Japanese style, as well as providing an ideal divider between the two rooms.

Flush joins, recessed handles and thin benchtops contribute to the clean, sleek contemporary appeal of the cabinetry. There is a certain Zen to the subdued colour palette and the range of natural materials. The bamboo flooring, which is typical in modern Japanese design, alongside the textured veneer and stone give the space an earthy, organic feel.

No individual item in the kitchen has been selected for decorative value. Two side-by-side Electrolux ovens offer the ability to entertain multiple guests, but offer the added advantage of balancing the veneer. The placement of the refrigerator, strategically in line with the centre of the room, ensures easy access and furthers the balance of the design, highlighting the functionality and minimalism of the aesthetic.

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Precision Design

Replacing a small, cramped and non-functional kitchen, this large, flowing and functional kitchen design makes the best possible use of the available space in this long and narrow room.





Inspired by German design sensibilities involving precision, attention to detail and an appreciation for the finer things in life, this kitchen space offers the finest in everything. Design, materials, workmanship and finish are of premium quality. This sleek kitchen demonstrates good design, the latest technical mechanism, quality materials and handcrafted production techniques in a project that exceeded every expectation.

A functional scullery at the rear of the room allows the owners to hide mess when entertaining and ensure the main kitchen space is clutter free, as well as shortening the visual depth of the long room. Housing a large, side-by-side Miele fridge-freezer and providing storage for food and everyday bulky appliances, this lends a sense of openness to the main kitchen space.

A number of work zones within the kitchen ensure the space operates efficiently at all times. The cooking zone includes an induction cooktop for efficient cooking, and the 'Ebony Maccassar' piano finish natural veneer is an effective and handsome way to conceal the Neff rangehood.

The visually stunning island bench serves dual function purposes. Staron 'Solid Surfaces' was selected for its contemporary appearance as well as for its durability and has been raised slightly to define a casual seating and dining area.

The design is ultra-modern, but satisfies the client's lifestyle. Central to the brief was the need to satisfy an enthusiastic and demanding gourmand by creating a kitchen that is both comfortable and homey, but packs a visual punch. This has been achieved through a range of functional spaces decorated in a number of sleek and handsome finishes.

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Thornlands House

Filling a spacious room with a functional, flowing progression of amenities and practical, luxurious spaces this beautiful master ensuite and pamper zone provides a young couple with a retreat in which to bathe away the stresses of the day.





The free-standing bath and feature wall toward the centre of the space sets an overall theme in the expansive room, creating a focal point when entering the ensuite. Its strategic positioning reduces the visual depth, giving the room a sense of privacy and cosy warmth that it might otherwise lack.

A Caesarstone shelf finished at bath-height has been incorporated into the feature wall, a nod to functionality that provides the perfect location for the 300mm custom-made wave bath spout, a subtle but glorious feature. In keeping with the client's request for an open shower, the wall also serves as a room divider, providing the necessary privacy for an oversized, open-ended shower space. It also provides the perfect placement for two built-in tiled recesses. His and Her shower rails and a luxurious rain shower provide an indulgent, balanced shower space.

The large vanity benchtop in 'Organic White' Caesarstone once again restores visual balance to the room. Understated but modern, the Icon wall-mounted mixers enhance the contemporary style of the space and create a distinct feature out of the large vessel basins.

Adjacent to the vanity, a separate seated make-up area features a floor-to-ceiling mirror and make up lights for task lighting. The casual seating area provides the ideal place to get ready in style and comfort. Smart storage is incorporated in a slim line drawer, providing easy access to the hair dryer and hair straightener, which are able to remain plugged in if desired. The placement of the louvered window between both the make-up table and vanity ensures there is abundant natural light to these areas.

Stylish and effortlessly modern, this individual bathroom is easy to maintain and complements the style of the contemporary home. Suited to the lifestyle of the young couple it serves, the beautiful, balanced space flows naturally and is truly private and comfortable.

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Beaumaris Residence

Rather than relying on a fussy ornamental style to make a statement, this handsome kitchen space takes its form from bold lines and a strong design sensibility arising from practicality and a keen eye for striking contemporary design.





The clients for this design wanted to update their kitchen, specifying a modern style that would provide them with a spacious, highly functional kitchen. Smooth clean lines and a contemporary sensibility has resulted in the open, relaxed kitchen space the clients sought.

There is an undeniable wow-factor to this kitchen, which is now a stylish, modern and light-filled space. The spectacular tile splashback is a striking and attractive feature that adds to the bold but inviting ambience of the space. Though masculine and striking, the considered lighting also adds a warmth to this feature that seeps into the entire kitchen.

Designed with handle-free soft close drawers and featuring double under-mounted ovens, it is clear that practicality is central to the design. Two ovens ensure that catering for a large group is easy, and there is ample preparation space on the floating island bench and the surrounding bench as well.

The earthy tone of the carbon murano-glazed porcelain tile splashback is the perfect backdrop, enhancing the subdued but stylish Caesarstone countertops. This subdued, stylish look is finished perfectly with sleek stainless steel appliances.

Extending a wall along one side of the kitchen has provided depth of space in which to create an inviting and practical modern kitchen. This revamped area has lifted the whole space, bringing a light, fresh feel to the interior, enhanced by the use of aluminium framed glazed pantry doors.

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Hihett Residence

Designed by Allan Aitken and constructed by Let's Talk Kitchens, this beautiful contemporary kitchen space is colourful and accommodating. Working within a restrictive design brief to meet the expected outcomes of his clients, Allan has created an innovative space that retains historical charm in a sweetly modern design.





The clients faced a difficult impasse in formulating a brief for their new kitchen. They wished to retain an existing pantry space, but sought to maximize storage and increase bench space, a task which posed an almost impossible contradiction. The result, however, is a stunning colourful kitchen with spacious, functional lines.

Angled worktops housing glass paneled storage and an abundance of workspace has arisen from the design. The Wattyl Burgundy Dash glass splash back creates a stunning feature, continuing across and extending upwards behind the range hood

Bold use of colour and crisp lines alongside state of the art appliances ensure the design is unyieldingly contemporary. The warmth of the timber floor and the added brightness of the red splashback give the design a character that is sometimes lost in modern designs. The custom routed satin thermo-foil shaker doors are a historical

element in the otherwise entirely modern design, fitting in harmoniously.

Opening up a previously cramped space that offered limited functionality, this new kitchen provides an ideal space for more comfortable food preparation. Though the space is limited, the design makes the most of it, creating an inviting hub that truly forms the heart of the house.

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Parkdale Residence

There is a delicate charm to this comfortable family kitchen built in an effortlessly expressed French Provincial style. It is no small accomplishment that this beautiful new kitchen blends seamlessly into an un-renovated, 80 year old home.





Attention to detail and a commitment to a single central design theme have given this kitchen a cohesion and strength through design that is belied by the delicate and refined elements that inform the French Provincial style. Designed by Allan Aitken with Lets Talk Kitchens, and built by Lets Talk Kitchens, this homely space is not overburdened with frilly decorations. Instead, it is the height of understated, luxurious design.

The farmhouse style stove alcove is a key feature. Complete with a corbel-supported mantle, the alcove brings depth to the kitchen. Surrounded by dental capping, the upright stove is framed by stunning glass paneled doors on either side.

The inclusion of handles and tapware in the French style enhances and affirms the provincial feel. The detail of fluted columns and paneled cabinetry further evokes the style. Though entirely true to the period nature of the style, there is an element of the

contemporary in the subdued decoration, which doesn't rely on floral or fussy notes to bring warmth and charm to the space.

At the heart of the design is a functional double-sided island bench. This is a logical centre to the design, offering a place where the family can gather, creating an anchor that subtly marks out the kitchen space. The relaxed, casual feel of the kitchen is enhanced by the fabulous texture and colour of the cane under-bench storage baskets.

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Port Melbourne Project

Inspired by a love of cooking, this sleek, elegant and sophisticated design opens up a smaller than average space. Accommodating the laundry and filling the modern space with crisp, fresh light, this re-imagined room is livable and lovely.





Extreme functionality is the cornerstone of this design, a central idea that is enhanced by the free and open lightness of the space. The design is airy, fresh and uncluttered. The inclusion of a laundry and a powder room within the kitchen is not apparent to the casual observer, but provides best use of the space in an inconspicuous manner.

The clean lines of the design highlight the strength of the workmanship. The glass splashback in dual colours pits the striking red of Dulux Carmen Miranda against Pale Earth, a warm and inviting beige. The luxurious Caesarstone countertops in Almond Rocca offer a spacious preparation area where any amateur chef would be delighted to work, while the waterfall ends give the kitchen a professional finish.

The soft close tandem box drawers and cabinetry in Magnolia Satin are yet another subtle touch of luxury. Stainless steel rail handles add to the functionality of the design and tie in the appliances and range hood with the entirety of the kitchen space.

Hidden behind matching bi-fold doors, the laundry and powder room are an unobtrusive addition. Uniquely functional and offering unparalleled use of such a limited space, this is an ideal design solution.

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Leichhardt Residence Bathroom

Limited room was the most pressing element in the design of this bathroom, but in the elegant, beautiful space that has resulted, size ceases to matter. Dark granite cladding frames balanced glazing and timber highlights in a display of restrained elegance that turns a cramped bathroom space into a private retreat that would sit comfortably in even the most palatial home.





The size of the pre-purchased bathtub provided the first problem, but clever conception of space and transient use gave way to functionality. The generous shower extends into floor area usually reserved for circulation. Careful drainage design and a fixed glass panel ensures that when not in use, this space reads as an extension of the open space of the room.

The 'pillow' basin was selected as a visual complement to the bath, and alongside the striking porcelain of the tub these form crisp features in the enclave-like room. The elegant lines of the sink and bath further contrast with the crisp angles of the frameless glass and the clean angles of the rest of the design.

Further visual breaks were created in the textural difference of timber-lined insert boxes. Offering a storage solution and bringing warmth into the room, the timber breaks up the visual massing of the space. The large feature pendant light above the bath offers a warm ambience to the space.

The natural light from the light court is enhanced by the adjacent mirror, which projects the light further into the room and offers a further sense of depth. A range of lighting options within the space transform the room from a private retreat to a functional amenity space, but never detract from the beauty of the room.

Stylish, sleek, functional and inviting, this bathroom seems to offer more than the small space it occupies. Bold, elegant and yet deceptively simple, the design makes the most of limited space by refusing to be defined by it.

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Leichhardt Residence Kitchen



Built in the envelope of a small family home, what little space was available for a kitchen had to be used efficiently. The first step was to decide exactly how the kitchen would function, and a series of decisions were made based on storage and service requirements. The large island bench with the sink in one corner provides ample workspace, offers a casual dining area and a congregation point. Crisp white cabinetry provides plenty of storage.



The crisp white of the kitchen joinery elements is carefully framed by the sculptural timber cladding, and the white island benchtop seems to float above an extension of the timber form. Natural light floods into the kitchen through the glass bi-fold doors, which also serve to visually link the outdoor entertaining area to the kitchen, increasing the spatial depth of the space. Attractive, inviting and practical, this kitchen makes the most of limited space and is a feature within the beautifully designed home.

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South Yarra Residence



The dark living room and kitchen joinery anchored by hue and volume to the perimeter of the space highlight the vibrant splashes of colour that bring warmth and individuality to this open plan kitchen, dining and living space. The dark laminate finish of the rear wall of kitchen joinery leads seamlessly to the painted joinery of the external barbecue area, integrating the internal and external colour schemes and providing a strong link between these spaces.

This eye-catching, functional and inviting kitchen feels opulent yet accessible. Continuing the exterior themes and colours and offering a sense of pride of place within the home, this handsome kitchen is a stunning highlight.

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Kew Residence

Hints of warmth and colour define these spaces by LSA Architects. The rooms are sleek, modern and subtly luxurious, with visual highlights ensuring that they are both inviting and approachable.





Contemporary and easy to operate, the kitchen is straightforward, bold and modern. Hints of warmth soften the design, imbuing the enticing quality so important to a functional kitchen. The resulting space is unique, attractive and playful, a kitchen with personality that acts as a feature within an open plan entertainment area.

The glass splashback in Porter's Red Lantern is the visual highlight of the space. The bright, vibrant colour adds a sense of fun and reflects the client's personality. The addition of finger pulls and push catches to all of the cabinetry reduces the joinery elements to a clean frame, further highlighting the feature colour. In addition, this striking red colour also ties to the rich timber floorboards. Varied colours in the timber create visual interest, while the CaesarStone benchtops in Cracked Pepper pick up highlights, introducing a warm element that breaks up the streamlined space.

Functionality is an integral part of the kitchen. The Ilve stove is perfect for the home chef, while the large, walk-in pantry to the right of the kitchen allows the benches to remain uncluttered, maintaining an easy to use and relaxed practical space.

The home's bathroom, like the kitchen, is simple and contemporary, yet introduces an elegance and quiet luxury. Glass and mirrors create a sense of volume, while the frameless glass of the shower flows into a recessed vanity surrounded by mirrors, reflecting light back into the room and providing an even more accentuated perception of depth.

Floor to ceiling tiles in white and light stone introduce a textural richness, with the only hint of colour to be found in the vanity benchtop. Instead, the rich caramel brings enough warmth to the space to ensure it is inviting.

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Prahran Residence

Light floods into this chic, inviting kitchen space by LSA Architects. Designed as an integral element within a luxury home found in Melbourne's inner suburbs, the kitchen is subtly opulent and well connected to the neighbouring courtyard, which extends the limited footprint of the room.





The area allotted for the outdoor space and adjoining kitchen was narrow, but by connecting these discrete areas together with fully operable glass walls, a sense of openness is introduced. With the two areas connected, the whole environment can be read and used as a single entertainment space. Even when the walls are closed, the glazing allows light to flood the interior.

The sloped ceiling of the kitchen, the large windows and the feature lighting in the courtyard all draw the viewer's attention toward glimpses of the sky, thus highlighting the importance placed on light.

The colour palette is minimal, with white cabinetry and joinery in 2 pac satin finish frame sleek stainless steel appliances. The splashback too is subdued, finished in grey glass. This fresh, clean and modern look further enhances the open brightness of the kitchen. The Caesarstone benchtops in Mink are a natural addition to the palette, and offer a durable, handsome and practical surface. A

walnut stain on the wide oak floorboards is inviting without muddying the lightness of the space, and connects well with the greys and blacks of the outdoors.

This contemporary kitchen utilises its narrow volume to create an open and comfortable room that offers the subtle luxury suited to a beautiful, modern inner-city home. Considered glazing draws natural light in, while the movable wall opens out to the garden, providing an ideal entertainment area that flows naturally between indoor and outdoor.

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Spring Road Bathroom

Located in a beautiful, modern, four-bedroom family home, these luxurious bathroom spaces tell a story of effortless simplicity. Contemporary and bold with sharp clean lines, they have a soft, alluring appeal with subtle yet refined features. Architecturally designed by Canny for their new 'Lubelso' range of pre-designed homes, these bathrooms are inviting, functional and chic.





A bold textural palette and considerable attention to detail ensures the success of these bathroom spaces. Large format porcelain floor tiles in both spaces offer a dark tonal base, around which various shades of grey are balanced by the crisp white sanitary ware, joinery and gleaming tapware.

Above the en-suite, an expansive skylight washes natural light down the walls of the bath and shower spaces. Extensive use of frameless glass subtly partitions the space and elegantly showcases the contemporary chrome tapware and sculptural porcelain of the freestanding bath and vanity basin.

In the main bathroom, the white bath integrates into a surrounding hob, creating a crisp contrast against the large format Basaltina Slimtech slabs that line the walls to full height. This graceful contrasting feature is bathed in natural light from an outlook window. The bottom half of the window is frosted for privacy, but the top allows for a view to the treetops when relaxing in the delightfully appointed space.

Corian bench tops and 2 pack paint satin finish cabinetry floating above the tiles are a luxurious addition to the space, completing the look in fresh white and offering an understated, yet stylish storage solution.

These captivating bathroom spaces are fluid, attractive and functional. For a stunning modern home the chic graded palettes and bold blend of textures offer a unique and inviting bathroom experience.

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Spring Road Kitchen

Designed by Canny for the new 'Lubelso' range of architectural pre-designed homes, this comfortable open-plan kitchen is both chic and luxurious. The design maintains a strong connection to the outdoor entertaining area and serves as a feature within the shared living and dining space.





Premium European appliances immediately provide this kitchen with a sense of opulence and casual sophistication; a sensation that the entire home embodies. Effortlessly balanced with the satin finish cabinetry, coated in a handsome American Oak veneer and a solid American Oak island benchtop, the appliances offer ideal functionality for everyone, from family cooks to seasoned chefs.

The crisp white walls, ceiling and full height storage cabinets extending from the kitchen help delineate the space. The elegant warmth of the Corian bench tops marries well with the dark oak veneer.

Considered use of windows provides synchronisation with the outdoors, adding a natural richness. Where one would traditionally find a splashback surface, a window overlooking one of the flanking

courtyards can be seen, flooding the kitchen with natural light. Sliding glass doors provide visual and physical access to the inviting outdoor area, ensuring an easy transition from indoor to outdoor.

Ample bench space, clever storage, plus a rich blend of textures, materials and beautiful appliances ensure the success of this kitchen. Perfectly suited to the sleek modern two-storey home, this is a stunning example of well-executed interior design.

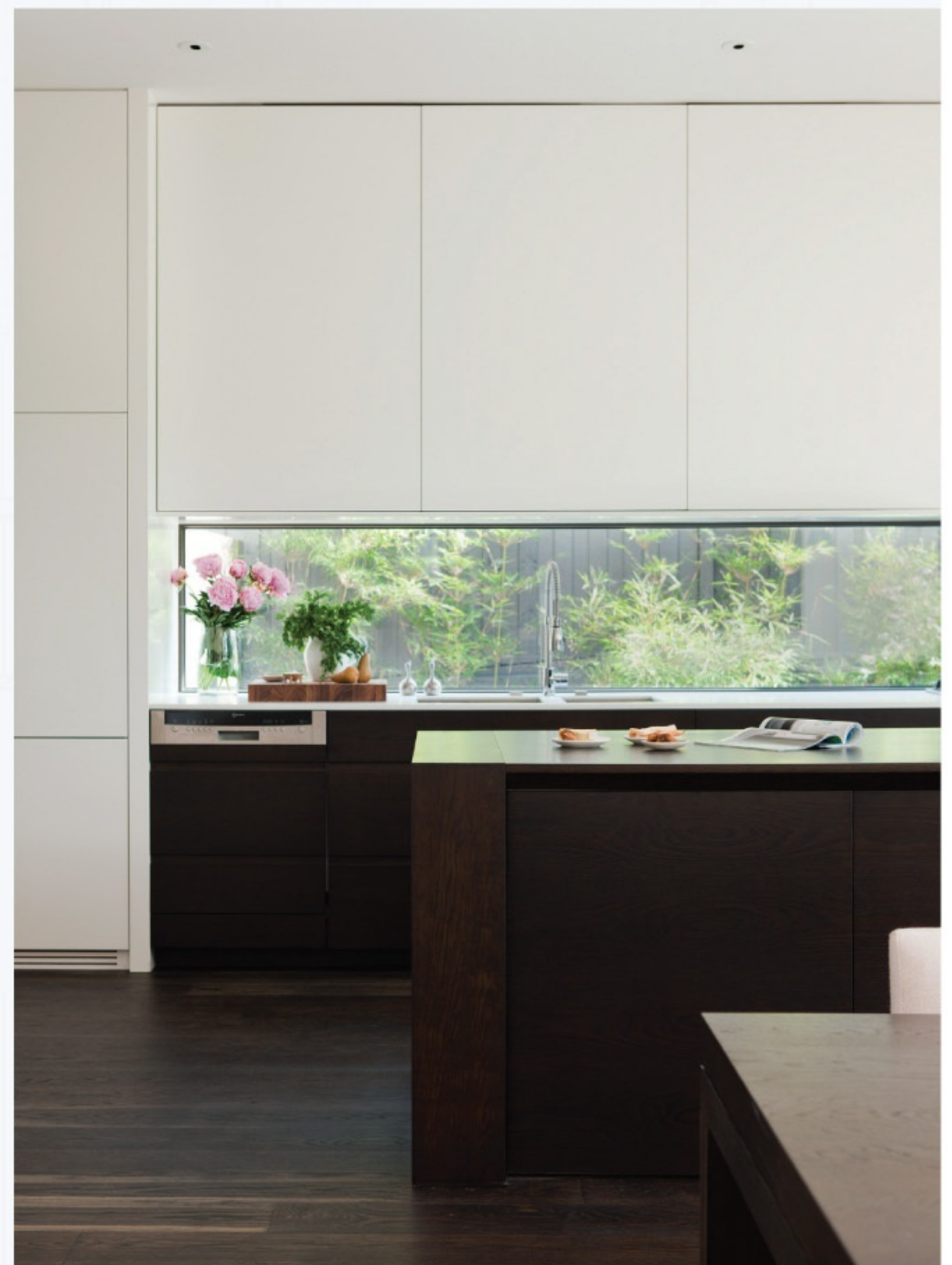
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Clifton Hill

This kitchen design by Patricia La Torre of OUTSIDEINSIDE Building Elements manages to retain the grandeur and opulence of Victorian style while suiting the more restrained renovation and extension of the period home it resides within.





Upon entering the space, one's eyes are first drawn to the glass atrium. As the entire room is shaded by a large oak tree outside, which forms a canopy over the ceiling, it was inevitable that this would become the key focus of the kitchen environment. The custom made splashback immediately highlights this, with an oak branch playfully presented on the white glass in a striking copper coloured paint.

The kitchen itself is an inviting hub of social activity and a comfortable area around which the family can congregate for any number of reasons. The home itself caters to a young family and, as such, a view to the garden was an ideal choice. It allows the children to play outside while an adult in the kitchen can both prepare food and keep an eye on them. Ample bench space and carefully considered storage ensure that nothing is ever far from reach.

'Grigio Bellissimo' marble shields a portion of the vast and cleverly designed island bench, hiding the sink area while creating a bold visual statement. Base cabinets found within the island bench each feature pull out systems. This adds storage to the front of the bench that is specifically implemented to house the children's activities and work - a simple way for mum and dad to keep the children close at hand while meals are prepared.

The pantry system is well conceived too, with drawers featuring spice inserts and divisions for oil and condiments, in addition to more pull out systems. With ease of access and use in mind, all of these inclusions are located in the one space to allow comfort while cooking. Appliances easily slip away behind bi-fold doors, and everything has its place.

Resplendent in its warm tones, gold and copper highlights enhance the inviting cosiness of this kitchen. The design demonstrates an elegant and well-conceived space ideally framed by the clever architecture of the residence. Suited to its owners and facilitating easy daily life, it is a functional and beautiful addition to the renovated home.

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Perini Carnegie Project

Designed by John Perini and constructed by Perini Bathrooms and Kitchens as part of an extensive home renovation, these open, modern and elegant spaces are inviting and functional.





The new timber floors, which run throughout the house, set the tone of the space, speaking of simple luxury and open, comfortable family living. The updated spaces represent a major renovation throughout the entire house, refreshing a tired environment left untouched since the 1980s.

The kitchen feels open, with clever lighting and careful implementation of storage giving it an inviting warmth. The light colour palette ensures that the rich timber floors remain a key visual feature, while ample surface space in combination with the island bench provides extensive preparation room for family meals.

The new bathrooms and powder rooms are stylish and chic. The beautiful porcelain, large-format Gloss tiles from Perini add a

luxurious, luminous touch against the Marble-Crema Marfil benchtops and Scala tapware. The frameless glass showers bring a perception of depth to the room, rather than segment the space.

Contemporary but timelessly elegant, these revitalised rooms offer the ideal complement to the home, providing an enjoyable ambience within discrete and practical zones.

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Hand Crafted Elegance

Working in close consultation with the owners, Pro-Form Tops + Joinery have created a gorgeous, traditional kitchen that far exceeded the initial brief. Uniting traditional looks and modern materials, this is a stunning example of a subtle kitchen space that is both inviting and functional.





The owners of this home were seeking a unique, original space that would merge a classical style with contemporary materials and techniques. This is a kitchen that looks outward, drawing the surrounding environment into the space, sitting naturally in the home and connecting with the property.

Classic detailing and handcrafted elegance ensure the transcendence and individuality of the design. The handcrafted Corbels, which surround the full cooking mantel are a gorgeous detail that bring to mind a traditional country home or a French provincial kitchen.

The large island bench is ideal for entertaining, lending a friendly communal atmosphere to the space that completes the design. The classic style is inviting but still offers the functionality and durability of a modern kitchen. The Vintec Wine Fridge is a thoughtful modern inclusion.

A subdued colour palette simplifies the space and doesn't overwhelm the detailed design. Whites, creams and the grounding warmth of the polished Tasmanian oak floors complement and highlight the natural granite benchtops. The Blumotion Soft Closed Drawers and Doors are a modern element hidden behind the classic detail of elegant handles.

Integrating seamlessly into this grand home, which features extensive classic detailing, the cabinetry and joinery are completely custom made. Impeccable attention to every feature of the design has created a kitchen space where all elements work harmoniously not only within the kitchen space but throughout the entire home.

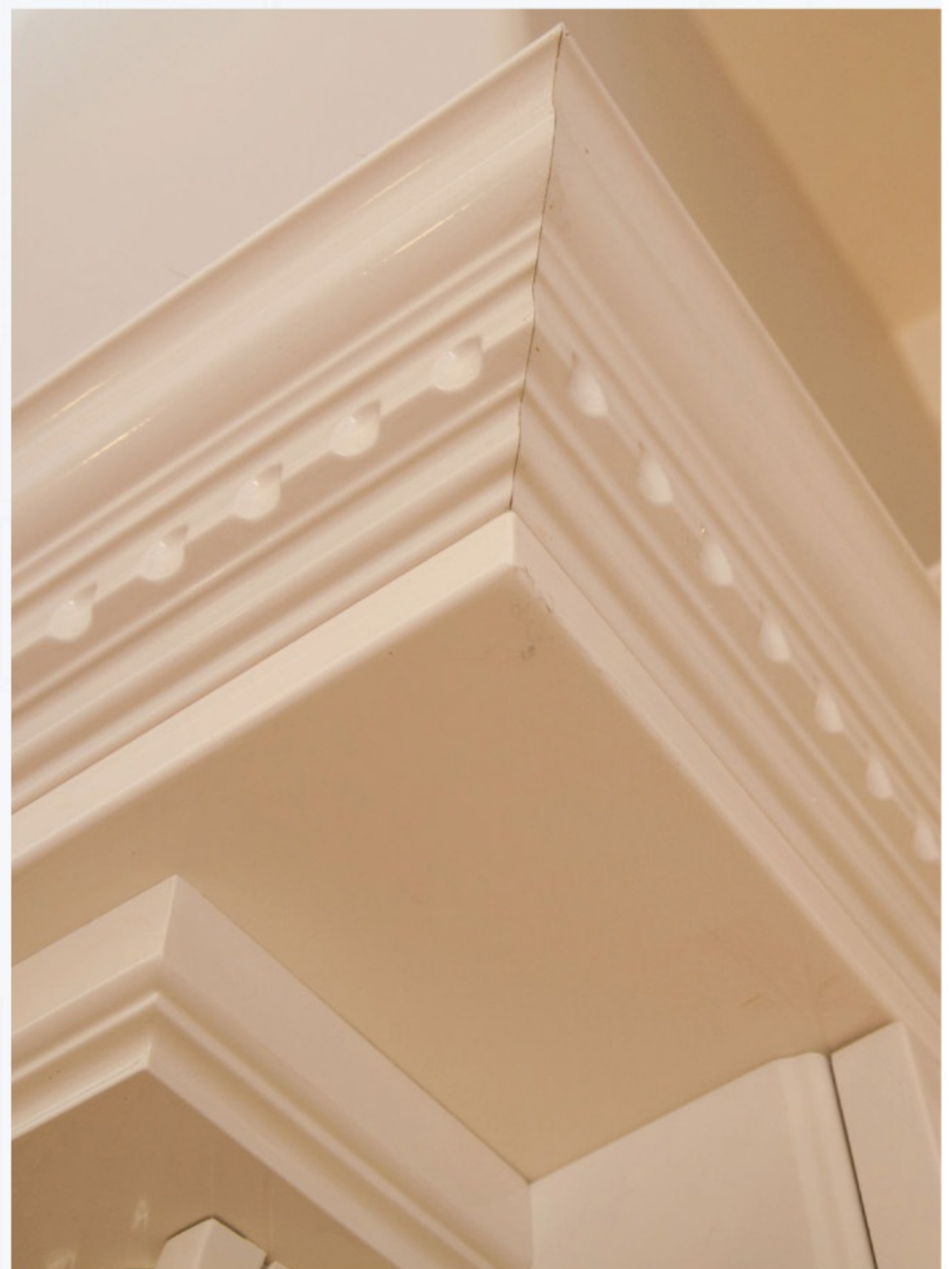
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A brilliant red Perspex feature offers a bright contrast in colour and texture that enlivens this contemporary kitchen space. Industrial style, alongside elements of commercial functionality combine in striking union of both form and function, blending effortlessly into the home and its surrounds.





The striking aesthetic of this kitchen creates an immediate impact when entering the space. Slotting into a home with an industrial edge to the interior design, the inclusion of commercial elements, sleek lines and strong materials make this an ideally functional kitchen. However, softer design elements give the kitchen approachability and a relationship to the surrounding bushland.

Modern colours and clean lines combine in the uncluttered design, simplifying the space to ensure it flows naturally and drawing the industrial aesthetic of the home into the kitchen space. The finishes, in earthy colours, complement the style of the home and surrounding bush land while maintaining modern features.

The full wrap-around stainless steel panels on the island bench are a nod to the industrial style and create a stylish visual feature. The red Perspex contrasts with the steel and earth tones and brings levity to the space.

The owners sought a kitchen that would sit naturally within the home as a logical central space in a picturesque bush environment. In conjunction with Pro-Form Tops+Joinery, the ideal solution for this space has been achieved with square lines and earthy tones that complement the home's polished concrete floors in a kitchen that is uncluttered and simple.

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Life is a Song

A stunning picture window with gorgeous views over Roches Beach in Tasmania is the perfect backdrop for this Pro-Form masterpiece. The picturesque outlook is nothing short of breathtaking, and the kitchen it frames is a worthy design that complements the home and the view ideally.





Characterised by a modern, functional use of a grand space, this kitchen is simultaneously luxurious and inviting. Open and spacious, there is ample room for cooking, entertaining or gathering for quieter meals, but a considered use of light, along with the extravagant window and elegant finishes ensure it transforms easily into a more formal element in the stately home.

High gloss doors and aluminium framed draws are highlighted by a magnetic slumped glass splashback and perfectly complemented by a stylishly engineered stone bench top. Warm tones drawn from the timber floors and furniture are gently contrasted by the natural stone and stainless steel, forming a connection with the flow of the home.

A variety of finishes throughout the design are complementary, creating interest while maintaining the overall appearance of a soft, organic design. Flip up Clipsal stainless steel power points integrated

into the bench top conceal what is often an unsightly but necessary inclusion in a kitchen, enhancing the modern elegance of the design.

The expanse of space, modern appliances and ample storage ensure this kitchen is effortlessly functional. Modern and unique, the design offers an unparalleled aesthetic enhancement to the house. The amazing waterfront property deserved only the best, and this beautifully designed and constructed kitchen represents the height of design and implementation.

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Perfect Balance

Bold contemporary design and a balanced approach to integration with the existing home marks the success of this project by Pro-Form Tops + Joinery. The space, designed in collaboration between the owners and the Pro-Form team is large and flowing and makes a bold impact but sits naturally in the larger scope of the design.





The team at Pro-Form Tops + Joinery were selected by the owners of this modern renovated home to design and build a kitchen that would form a statement space in a large, open plan room. The result is this handsome, striking kitchen that flows seamlessly from the living and dining space.

Flowing workspaces and clean, stylish lines give this design a modern edge. The stylish contrast between dark surfaces and lighter finishes further enhances this effect. The balanced, uniform effect of the square edge design is a striking element of the space. The integrated power nook in the island bench is a sleek way to conceal a functional inclusion, offering extra practical functionality.

High gloss white cabinetry contrasts beautifully with the stunning engineered stone bench tops. Grey metallic accent doors add a final visual note, creating an ideal tonal balance between dark and light.

This space is a true family hub with notes of sophisticated luxury. The generously sized island bench offers ample preparation space and the kitchen is well equipped for entertaining family and friends in style. Twin pull-out pantries are a sleek storage solution. The feature wine rack is an elegant addition that hints at a more adult use of the space.

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Omama Road Bathroom



This is a sophisticated and elegant ensuite space, not only suitable as a functional bathroom but as a comfortable retreat in which to relax and unwind. This is a light, bright space with a natural feel to it, big enough for two people to comfortably co exist in functional luxury.

The freestanding corian bath and spout are a modern feature, an elegant space in which the owners can relax. The windows have been fitted with electro-chromatic glass that allows privacy at the flick of a switch, and provides a stunning view to the lap pool and courtyards beneath.

Combining practicality, elegance, and a sense of levity and fun, this ensuite flows naturally into the master bedroom and into the design of the rest of the house while still maintaining some sort of unique place within the house for the clients to enjoy personal time.

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Omama Road Kitchen



The internal philosophy of this kitchen is based on spatial experience, forming part of the narrative that structures the journey through the home. The kitchen is central to the living zones, allowing the clients to watch the kids as they utilize the playroom, the outdoor space or the pool.

The kitchen finishes are bright, providing an ultra-modern contemporary look. Feature paneling in the form of a new age veneer is a feature on a wall of floor-to-ceiling cupboards. This space flows into the butler's pantry, giving the kitchen further depth and continuity. This is a kitchen that is modern, functional, practical and stylish, perfect for a growing and evolving young family.

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Pulver Residence



Employing a simple palette of crisp whites, deep blacks and warm greys, this design achieved the streamlined, minimal look desired by the clients. Timeless and simple, quality materials ensure the longevity of the space. 2 pac white cupboard fronts and Caesarstone benchtops are hardwearing, durable and visually elegant. Tiled kicks give the illusion that the joinery floats above the floor. The cabinets have concealed handles, creating elongated lines that complement the overrun of the kitchen into the dining zone.

The central island bench has a waterfall edge and the slick black granite sink provides the perfect vantage point from which to view the canal or out to the central court. The kitchen is simple but effective, a standout feature of the home.

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Port Melbourne Residence



Fitting a range of crucial elements into a cramped space was challenging, but the resulting space is efficient, flows naturally and feels contemporary, open and tranquil.

A bar area and breakfast bar was essential to the functionality of the space. A double sided bench with a bar to one end served this purpose. Shortening one end of the bench allowed the space and flow for two people to prepare and cook together and provided the space for guests to congregate in the kitchen.

Ample storage possibilities were achieved through the clever implementation of cabinetry. Reflective surfaces made the view visible at all times and floods the kitchen with natural light, keeping it fresh and giving it a spacious feeling.

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Glen Iris Residence

This glorious ensuite embodies the very best in clean, contemporary design but offers a respectful nod to the modernized French Provincial style of the new-build dream home it sits within. Defined angles, stone floors, a wall hung vanity and square basins are softened by a chandelier, flirtatious wallpaper and the gentle luxury of natural light.





The original design for the bathroom adjoining the master suite was pedestrian and bland – though it would offer a functional bathroom space, it would achieve little aesthetically. The redesigned ensuite offers something special. The unusually zoned bathroom is light-filled, stylish and unique.

The inviting space is defined by a dividing wall, a feature in the centre of the room defined by a bright, bold wallpaper that provides contrast and depth against the natural stone tiles and cream walls. Bringing a hint of red into the room, this feature truly defines the design. Against this wall, the bath is a tempting prospect, and the first amenity the space confronts you with, providing the perfect excuse to unwind.

The feature plinth provides privacy for the toilet and shower, giving the back half of the ensuite space a more insular, secluded feeling. Large frosted windows bring ample light into the room, but this

is a bathroom that truly enters its element in the evening, when the warm light of the chandelier lends romance and adds warmth, highlighting the French Provincial notes to the style.

Walking a delicate line between classic style, clean contemporary design and the fun twist of a personalized space, this design has pizzazz. Maintaining the style embodied by the rest of the grand home and contributing a functional, beautiful space, this well articulated bathroom has gone above and beyond the brief the clients offered.

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From Paris With Love

Feminine, luxurious and romantic, this beautiful bathroom space is elegant and refined. Floral without being fussy, there is an inviting closeness to the design that is inviting and calming. Clever use of space, subtle use of colour and minimal storage, however, ensures that there is room to breathe and a sense of space.





Designed by Vanessa Cook and constructed by Smarter Bathrooms, this is an undeniably unique bathroom space. Utilizing the unusual angles of the room and drawing in elements of art deco style and romantic design, this calming space is an ideal private room in which to unwind, bathe or primp.

The mosaic-tiled feature wall panel is a stunning individual design note that lifts the entire design from pedestrian to perfect. Elegantly designed and diligently applied, the tiled roses bring warmth to the design, and this distinctive feature panel transforms the room.

The standalone bath positioned at an angle to the mirrored vanity and shower offers a subtle and inviting sculptural element to the space, further enhanced by the beautiful sink that sits like a bowl above the vanity. The tapware is sparkling and striking in form, highlighting the bath and sink. The rain showerhead is just one of many luxurious touches.

The attention to detail and quality of construction is apparent in the effective implementation of such a subdued design. Clean lines and detailed tiling speak to the diligence of the construction.

The design is, over all, simple. The shower recess is walk in, the bath sits alone in stark contrast to the beautiful limestone floor tiles, and there is minimal inbuilt cabinetry to contend with. This unfussy aspect ensures that the room exudes a sophisticated aesthetic and an uncomplicated elegance.

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You Spin Me Right Round - Side A

Circles and curves feature prominently in this subtly quirky and effortlessly stylish bathroom. The expansive space has been cleverly utilized, and now serves as the main bathroom to the house as well as a relative en-suite to an adjacent bedroom.



Designed by Russell Henderson to replace what had previously been a study, this Smarter Bathrooms constructed space features a striking half-circle window – an element which formed a motif throughout the design. The bathroom is fully appointed, with most of the features of the room featuring playful references to the quirky features of the rest of the house.

The freestanding curved wall that extends into the room highlights the subtle curves throughout the space. Treated with lush Bisazza Clelia mosaic tiles, the warmth of this addition shields the large shower area, which features a bench seat and conceals the space from the bedroom and main entrances.

The beautiful freestanding bath under the arc of the window takes up most of the back wall of the room. The cabinetry of the vanity was designed to reference the ensuite cabinets elsewhere in the house. The circular mirror on the cabinet and the round bowl basin further references the window.

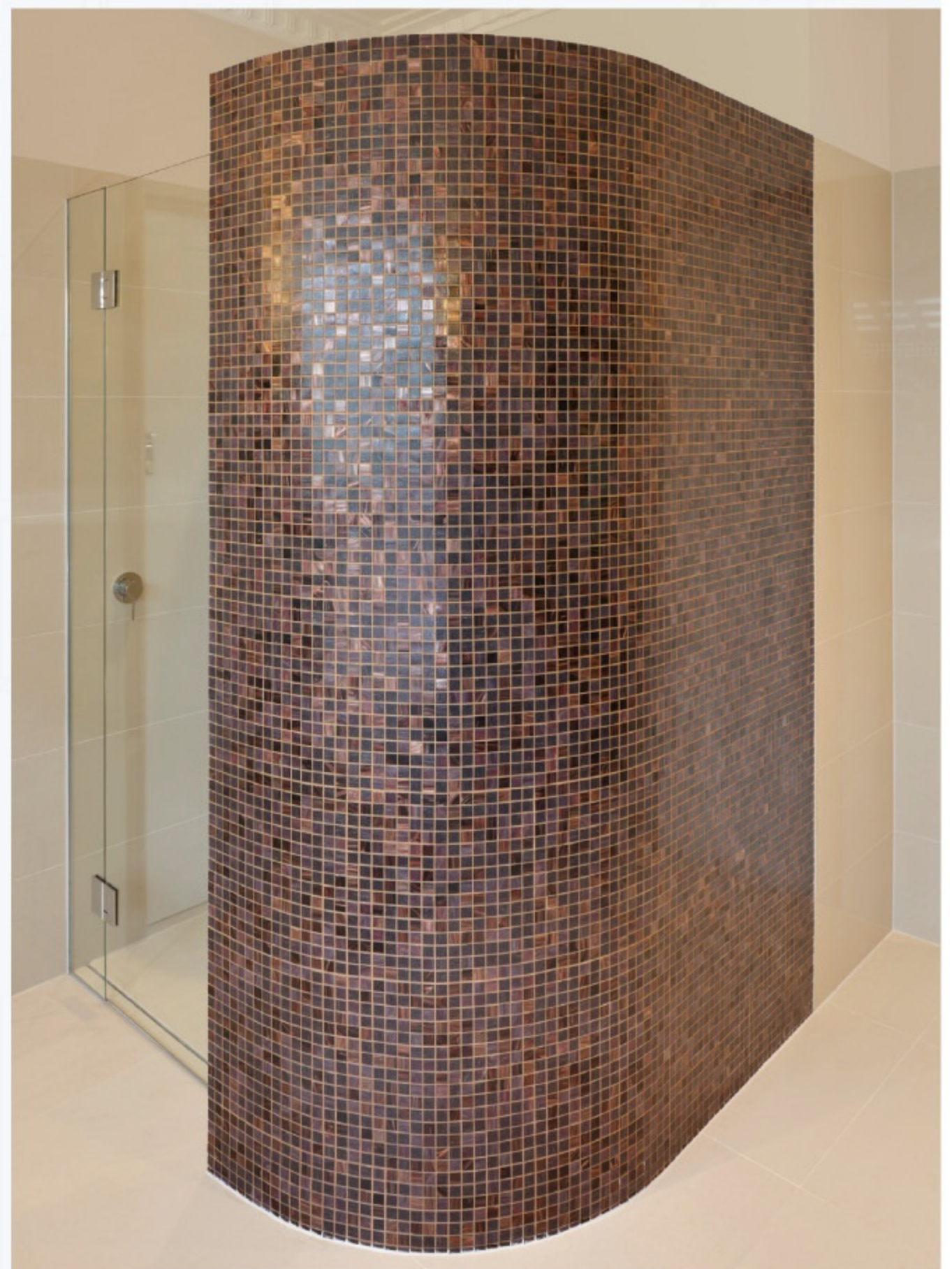
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You Spin Me Right Round - Side B

Recalling the circular motif of the main bedroom and drawing on the unique brilliant red French Doors, this ensuite space is carefully partitioned but not fully closed off from the large master bedroom.



A previous renovation saw the implementation of a number of unusual design features. Though the owners sought to tone down some of the design elements, they wanted to retain others. The beautiful full height French Doors featuring large glass porthole windows were such a defining element of the space, they had to stay, and worked to define the newly partitioned bathroom space.

The unique doors were the major influence in the design response. Set on an angle, they would form a line that would extend further into the bedroom beyond the width of the ensuite. The ensuite area ended up being defined by a partition wall with a small circular kick at the end enclosing private space for the toilet and shower but exposing the vanity area to the bedroom.

Multiple circles throughout the space link the doors into the design and are in line with the main bathroom. The bowl of the basin, the mixer taps and the predominant mirror in the overhead cabinet all feature bold curves. The back wall of the vanity area steps forward, squaring up an angled wall and providing a neat pigeonhole storage solution for towels.

The back wall of the shower is the other dominant feature of the space. Floor to ceiling handcrafted glass mosaics of random sizes match the feature doors in a bold and space-defining visual element.

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The Melbourne bayside suburb of Williamstown is home to some beautiful houses, many of which talented Building Designer Tina Lindner is responsible for. This particular property was given the star treatment, with an interior fit-out that speaks elegance and class.





The request from the owners was for a large and practical kitchen that was visually light at the same time. What Tina delivered is a sparkling new kitchen so clean and artistic in its lines that it visually gives little indication of its usable nature.

A high tech kitchen with all the modern facilities, the stylish design is understated and classic, its warm and inviting ambiance making it the perfect place for a family to gather.

Anchored by a wall is seamless timber veneer cabinetry; right-angled spaces speak simplicity in its monochromatic palette. The veneered cabinetry provides a warmth and luxury that is timeless in both design and appeal. Though modern in nature, this kitchen design is not one that will date quickly.

Tying together the kitchen bench with the cabinetry and adding another dimension to the layout, a casual seating area projects out of the main kitchen bench. This is a great place for a casual family dinner or for dinner party guests to gather.

The kitchen flows into an appliance area and pantry store that hides inevitable family mess.

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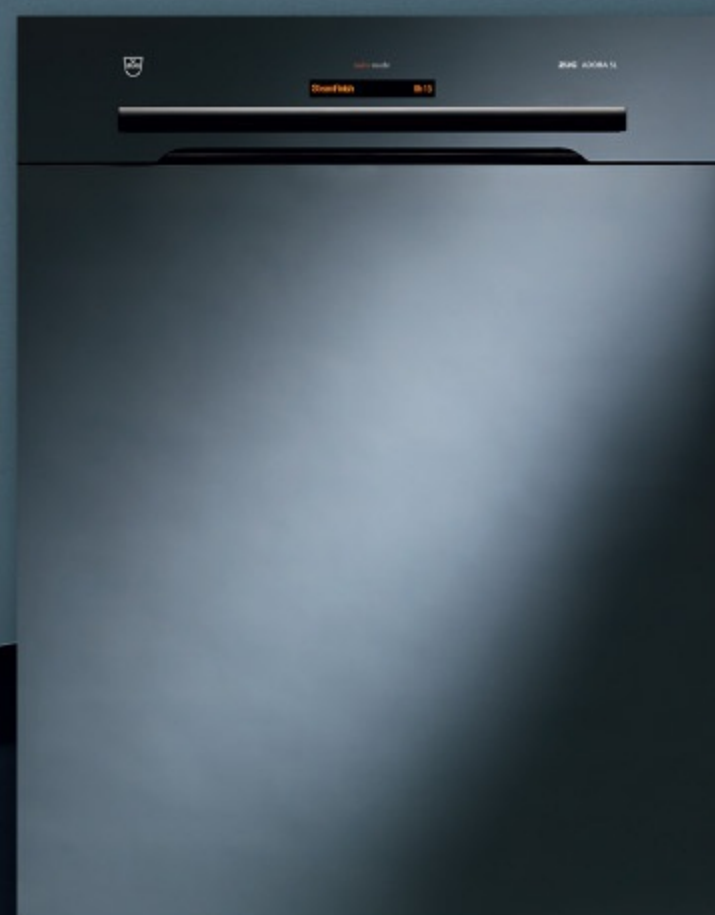
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Potts Point Project

Bold and atmospheric, this transcendent bathroom by Erika Forster of White Door Design is a unique and impressive space. Working within the confines of the existing room, as well as respectfully incorporating references to the designer furniture and fixtures throughout the rest of the home, this contemporary bathroom represents a magnificent design response.





With no natural lighting available and no option to introduce any, the design embraces the use of artificial light and evolves around it. The bright finishes so common in modern bathroom spaces have been done away with. Instead, this bathroom indulges in dark and mysterious colours broken by patterns, textures and feature lighting.

The predominantly charcoal pallet with hints of brown is an ideal colour base, providing richness and depth. The back feature wall, subtly patterned, is a subdued and elegant inclusion. Conversely, the mosaic relief wall provides a fresh white appearance while adding a perception of additional space and breaking up the charcoal motif.

The PH snowflake pendant light that ties the design together was moved from above the dining table to the bathroom. Balanced against the bold charcoal colouring, the 360-degree, glare-free fixture provides perfect luminosity for the more delicate tasks undertaken

within the bathroom. In addition, the dimmer function allows for the lighting to be adjusted to a more intimate level.

This dynamic space, constructed by Avante Bathrooms, has a cocoon-like and cosy quality. Elegant, sophisticated and uncluttered, it has an insular feeling with a private opulence. The reassuring presence of handsome, rich dark colours and the delicate addition of patterns and textures grounds this almost otherworldly space.

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Manly Project

There is something so inviting about this kitchen. Sitting beside a heritage façade in a beautifully renovated home, the clients were seeking a kitchen that could be 'industrial' without sacrificing a 'pretty' aesthetic. In the finished design, the strong, cold exposed steel is tempered by elegant and simple cabinetry, with the contrasting warmth of timber achieving the desired effect.





Designed by Erika Forster of White Door Design and built by Sherington Project Management, the kitchen was intended to cater for a young family of four. The existing home boasts a charming heritage façade, having been built in the early 20th century with an Arts and Crafts style and a heavy federation influence. As such, the new kitchen had to be sympathetic to the original house, yet avoid the frilly embellishments of the Arts and Crafts aesthetic. The clients also specified that they wanted long-lasting, high-quality hardware, fittings and materials, ensuring that the kitchen would also retain a timeless quality for years to come.

Exposed sandstock brick is the basis of the industrial style. A previous attempt to remove the render creates an inviting, homely atmosphere that counteracts the coldness of the exposed, galvanised-finish steel. These harder industrial elements are balanced by the warmth of the original Oregon joists and floorboards that form the kitchen ceiling. Deliberately revealing the structural skeleton of this space has articulated the kitchen in a unique and dynamic way, ensuring it draws attention and doesn't get lost in the open plan space.

An existing mantle shelf in Western Red Cedar was maintained and enhanced by the inclusion of two new matched shelves, upcycled from an original internal Western Red Cedar door that was no longer required in the home. 'Fior di Bosco' marble completes the kitchen,

with its grey base and creamy blonde highlights ideally suited to the 'Silver Illusion' cabinetry, successfully tying it to the Kauri Pine timber floors.

In the design of the home itself, the clients had achieved a more reserved take on the Arts and Crafts style. With this in mind, the kitchen was conceived to follow the same aesthetic approach, which inspired the differing finishing heights found throughout. A simple, neat shaker profile was selected for the cabinetry, providing further traditional appeal without introducing unnecessary frills.

The appeal of this kitchen is undeniable. The ease of use, the functionality of the hardware and unparalleled visual design ensure a timeless space that will serve the young family as it evolves. Slotting effortlessly into the renovated heritage home and combining industrial chic with traditional flair, this is a triumphant kitchen creation.

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Abbotsford Residence

The understated elegance of these kitchen and bathroom spaces in suburban Melbourne is undeniable. Tonally restrained, simply articulated and bold in form, these are highly designed spaces that are impressive to behold. The kitchen is minimal and clean, with only subtle elements impeding upon the strong lines of the design.





The bathroom is chic and unselfconscious, a space that could easily be an addition to a 5 star hotel.

Upon entering the kitchen, especially in the evening, the chandelier-like pendant lights are the most immediately engaging feature. Providing a diffused but bright light that floods the space, this nod to industrial design, unique within the contemporary kitchen, softens the space.

Crisp white cabinetry, white benchtops and white walls reflect the light allowed by the small adjoining courtyard space. The style of this restrained kitchen is enhanced by minimal decoration – the tapware is an elegant stainless steel curve resting over a circular sink, and the splashback in a mottled grey tile is the only deviation in the otherwise restrained colour palette.

The bathroom space is beautiful. Privacy is maintained through huge windows by large decals that depict snow-covered treetops. Tonally, this matches the bathroom space; crisp whites balanced by deep blacks. This unusual design feature floods the bathroom with light, but provides it with the cosy ambience of a high-end ski lodge.

The Kado Lure Freestanding Oval Bath in white sits a step above the rest of the bathroom, a bold feature with a satisfying form

surrounded by the dark tiles which extend from the floor and are balanced by the equally sculptural forms of the His and Hers basin sinks which sit beneath a long mirror.

The frameless glass shower opens up the space, and the luxurious, minimally designed Nikles Techno 200 Brass double shower heads offer a broad spray pattern, making it seem as though you are in a warm rain shower.

Everything about these kitchen and bathroom spaces is luxurious, simple and elegant. The no-fuss approach to design has resulted in charming, inviting and opulent spaces. The bathroom is an ideal retreat in which you can almost enter another world, and the kitchen is the ideal neutral backdrop for anything from a quiet meal alone to an intimate congregation of friends.

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Elsternwick Residence

Refreshing and updating the tired kitchen, bathroom and laundry spaces in this expansive family home, Windiate Architects have designed open, light-filled rooms with minimal fuss. Built by Shiel Constructions, the contemporary renovation has provided a warm, friendly kitchen that is inviting but refined and the updated bathroom and newly constructed ensuite share strong design themes and are simple, elegant and fresh.





Uniform in white, the cabinetry, joinery and bench tops have all been expertly colour-matched, setting the tone for the kitchen; white, fresh and bright. The bench tops by Stone Italiana in 'Cristobel' blend seamlessly into the 'Fair Bianca' of the cabinetry and joinery, and the same tone carries through the splashback in an elegant articulation of the space. The form of the kitchen is left to make a statement with the distraction of colour removed.

The gentle blonde timber of the existing floor has been sanded and repolished to warm the room. A blackboard beside the pantry is a light-hearted addition to the space that provides the family with a place to communicate, whether it is birthday messages, shopping lists or demands to take the rubbish out.

Offering ample storage, a large workspace and a casual dining area, the large, open plan space is flooded with light from all angles. Top of the range appliances in striking stainless steel ensure enduring functionality and the simplicity of the design means it will stand the test of time.

In the bathrooms, Santosa gloss ceramic tiles in white from Classic Ceramics retain the elegance of the restrained palette of the kitchen, but introduce new texture and tone with the large-format matte-finish porcelain tiles in 'Negro' from Signorino tile Gallery. Floating wall hung vanities are modern and make a bold statement without overpowering the rooms.

From frosted glass windows to skylights, natural light floods the bathrooms and is allowed into every corner by frameless glass and large mirrors. Open and comfortable, there is room to breathe in these bathrooms and the atmosphere is one of simple luxury.

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Hawthorn Residence

Every inch of this three bedroom Terrace was important in creating a functional space for a family of four, but functionality hasn't taken a back seat to style and elegance in this design. Introducing a new bathroom and updating the kitchen, the new spaces, built by Chippa Constructions respond to the growing family and offer better flow between the internal and external spaces.





The new kitchen is spacious and light-filled, a vast improvement on the previously cramped and dysfunctional space. Light pours through the double-height stair void behind the kitchen and the existing window retained from what was previously the living room. Black shadow lines help to depict and define the joinery from the built forms of the walls and ceilings.

The splashback in 'Young Bud' by Dulux is funky and fun, adding a fresh point of difference to the space. A dividing wall conceals the stairs to the next level, and cut-out circles with a hint of green are mirrored on the adjacent wall, yet another amusing, playful element.

The bathrooms are small, but make the most of their limited footprint. Crisp white tiled walls contrast with dark olive tiles. The floating vanity is a feature in 'Energy Stream', a cherry-coloured

laminated with a natural finish that is a truly unique highlight, bringing another colour element into the design and breaking up the bold use of white.

These beautiful new spaces have created more generous, inviting and functional areas that are bold, practical and colourful. Taking full advantage of a limited footprint, the updated bathroom and kitchen will be ideal for the growing family of the clients.

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South Melbourne Residence

Designed by Windiate Architects as part of a renovation to a tired, rundown Victorian Terrace house being converted from an office space back into a family home, these new amenity spaces are simple, elegant and restrained. Hints of bold colour against a neutral palette define the spaces, a new bathroom and kitchen, both stunningly integrated into the gorgeous new design.





The layout of the existing home was typical of the Victorian style, featuring communal living spaces and amenities downstairs and bedrooms on the first floor. Crucial to the new design was the implementation of an ensuite adjoining the master bedroom, providing a bathroom on the second storey. The existing bathrooms would also need to be updated for contemporary functionality and to blend with the new style of the home.

The ensuite is clean, bright and open. A thread of turquoise is a crystalline addition that breaks up the mass of white. Pendant lights are an elegant feature and provide a more subtle alternative to the downlights, warming the space. The bathroom downstairs is similarly clean, and, though small, makes the most of the given space with a frameless glass shower and a cleverly positioned toilet.

The new open plan kitchen and living space is well connected to other functional spaces including the laundry and bathroom and the entertaining deck and garden. The updated space is much brighter and more inviting, and the movable island bench on wheels offers the opportunity to expand the functionality of the space.

Contrasting cabinetry and joinery against the splashback has enhanced the modern edge to the design. The dining space, which is strongly linked to the kitchen, warms the austere, handle-less cabinetry with bright colour and warm timber.

Built by Graycorp and decorated in conjunction with Jane Mackay, these fresh renovated spaces offer a new level of functionality to the home, taking advantage of previously under utilized spaces and creating a strong aesthetic that is modern but simple.

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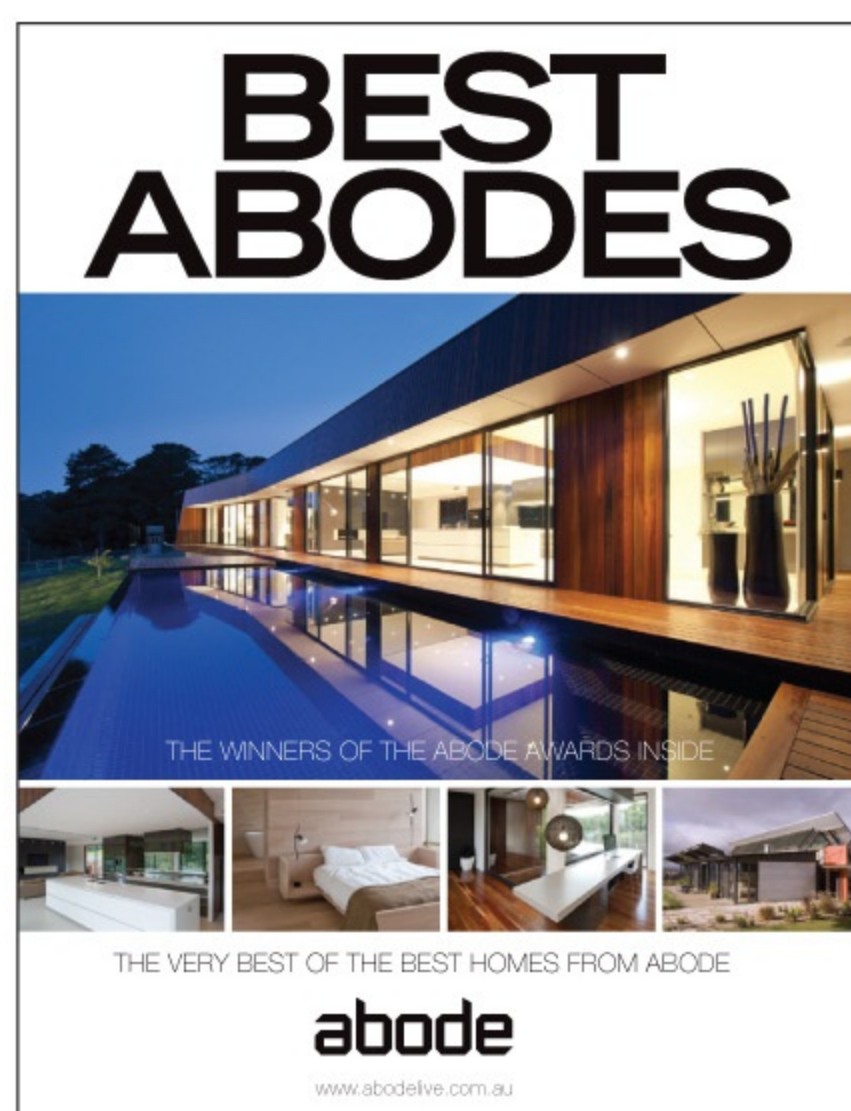




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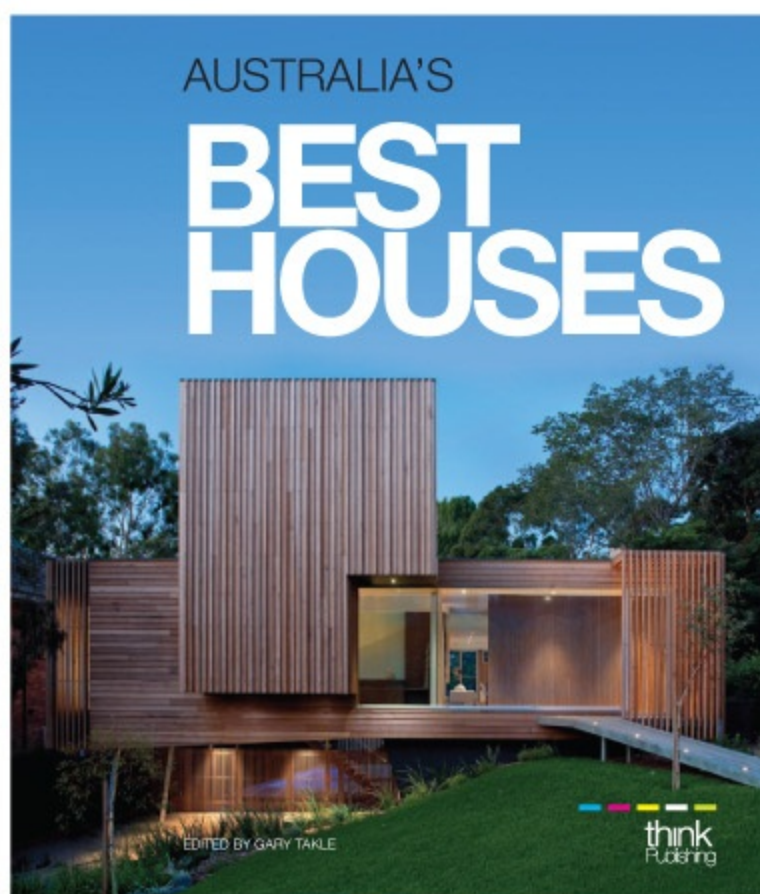


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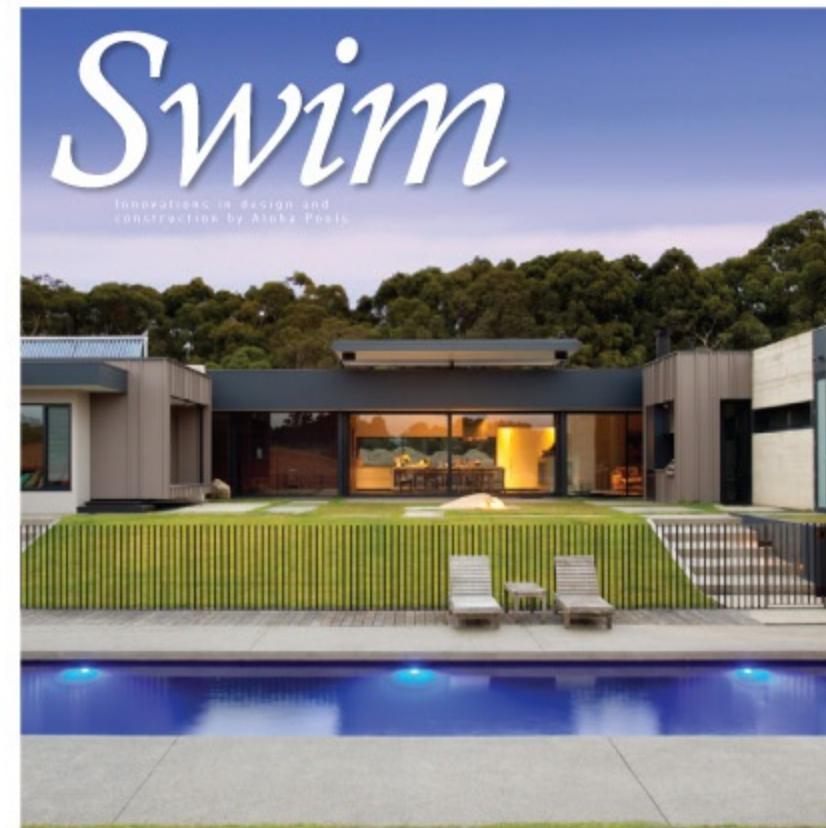
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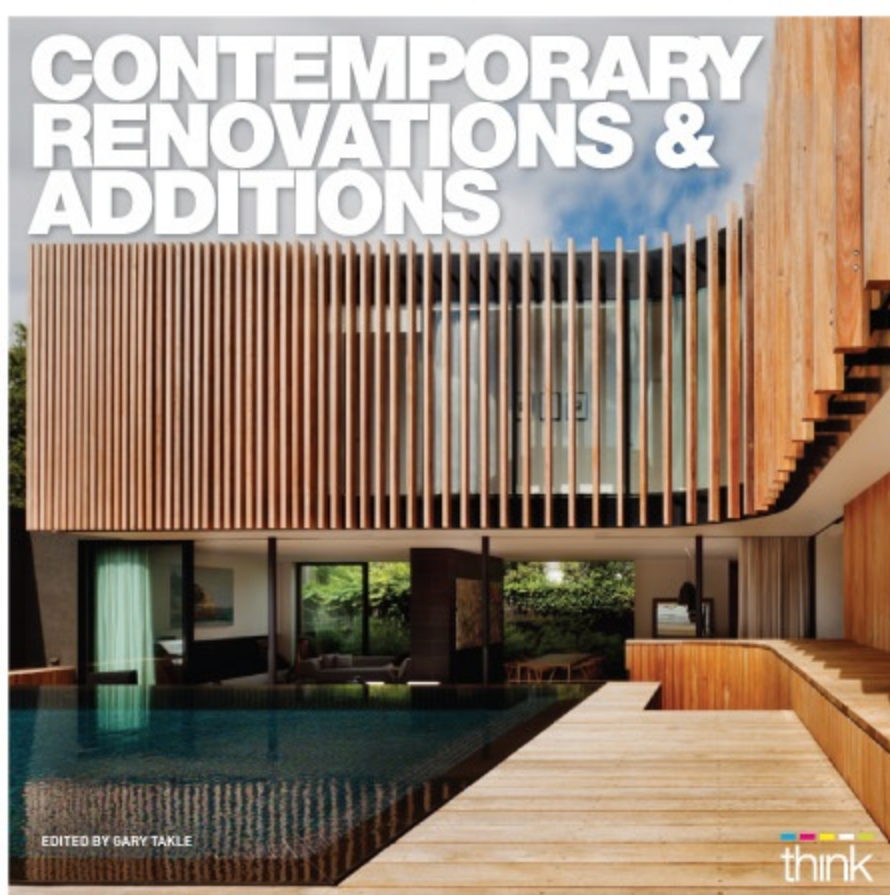
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