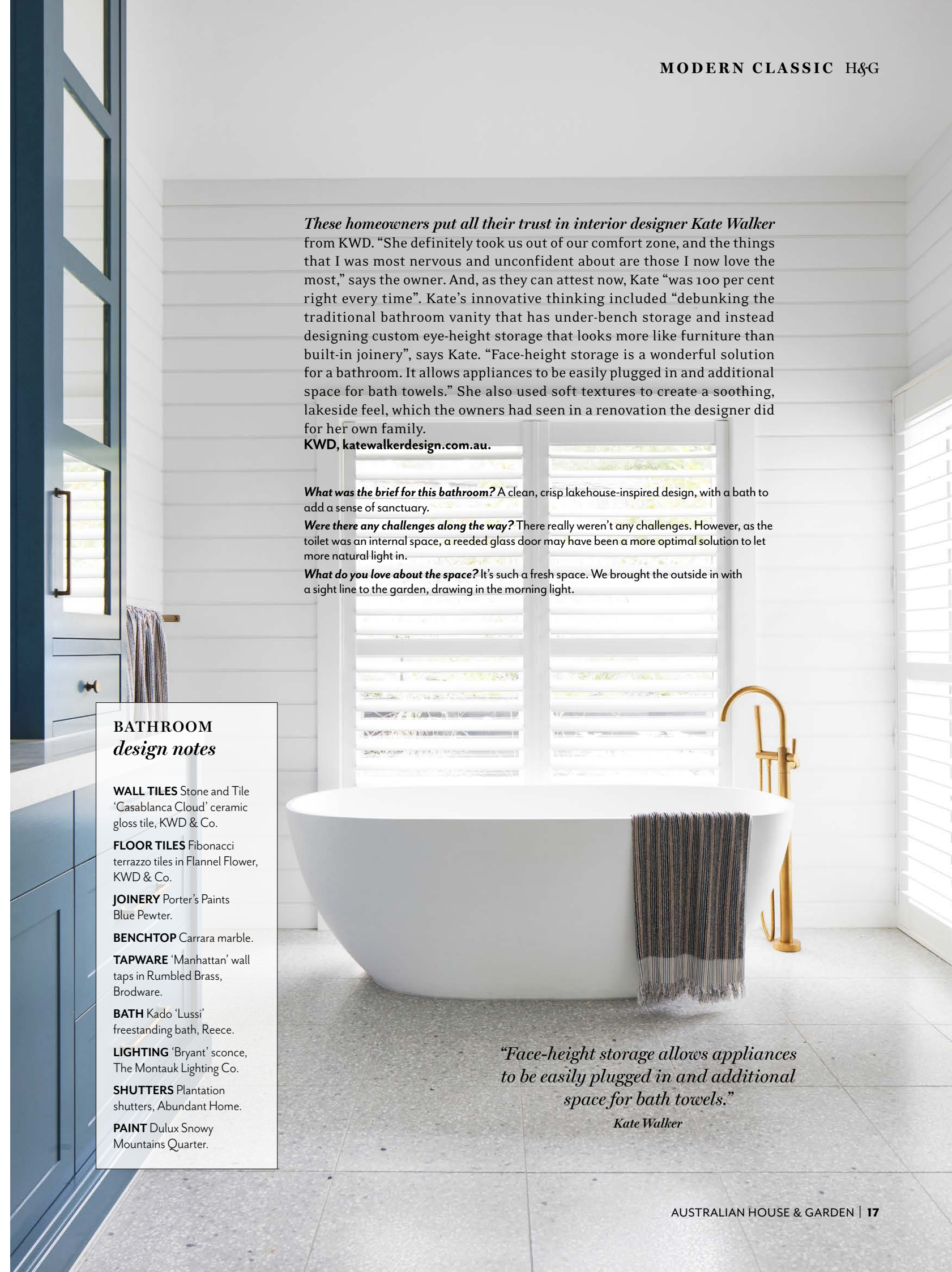




Moody blues

Inspired by lakeside living, this bathroom offers a taste of the Hamptons on Melbourne's Mornington Peninsula.

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These homeowners put all their trust in interior designer Kate Walker from KWD. “She definitely took us out of our comfort zone, and the things that I was most nervous and unconfident about are those I now love the most,” says the owner. And, as they can attest now, Kate “was 100 per cent right every time”. Kate’s innovative thinking included “debunking the traditional bathroom vanity that has under-bench storage and instead designing custom eye-height storage that looks more like furniture than built-in joinery”, says Kate. “Face-height storage is a wonderful solution for a bathroom. It allows appliances to be easily plugged in and additional space for bath towels.” She also used soft textures to create a soothing, lakeside feel, which the owners had seen in a renovation the designer did for her own family.

KWD, katewalkerdesign.com.au.

What was the brief for this bathroom? A clean, crisp lakehouse-inspired design, with a bath to add a sense of sanctuary.

Were there any challenges along the way? There really weren't any challenges. However, as the toilet was an internal space, a reeded glass door may have been a more optimal solution to let more natural light in.

What do you love about the space? It's such a fresh space. We brought the outside in with a sight line to the garden, drawing in the morning light.

BATHROOM *design notes*

WALL TILES Stone and Tile 'Casablanca Cloud' ceramic gloss tile, KWD & Co.

FLOOR TILES Fibonacci terrazzo tiles in Flannel Flower, KWD & Co.

JOINERY Porter's Paints Blue Pewter.

BENCHTOP Carrara marble.

TAPWARE 'Manhattan' wall taps in Rumbled Brass, Brodware.

BATH Kado 'Lussi' freestanding bath, Reece.

LIGHTING 'Bryant' sconce, The Montauk Lighting Co.

SHUTTERS Plantation shutters, Abundant Home.

PAINT Dulux Snowy Mountains Quarter.

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