



RIGHT AT HOME

AN INTERIOR DESIGNER FOUND A HOUSE WITH GOOD BONES TO TRANSFORM INTO A STUNNING HAVEN.

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DETAILS: Kate wanted doors that made a statement and chose them accordingly, paying careful attention to the selection of the hardware that adorns them. The handles will become even more beautiful over time.



WELL-MEANING FAMILY and friends must have known they had no chance of convincing talented Australian interior designer Kate Walker not to buy the property she spied in Mornington, Victoria. But they gave it their best shot.

Kate says she could see beyond the original home's design challenges because she loved the roof line and floor plan and most of all she loved its modern farmhouse aesthetic.

The single mum and head of Kate Walker Design was determined to create the home of her dreams. A relaxing haven for her children to grow up in and the ultimate



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who
LIVES HERE?
Leading
Australian
interior designer
Kate Walker and
her children.





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THE STUNNING LIGHTS FROM THE
MONTAUK LIGHTING CO. USED
THROUGHOUT THE HOME.



showcase of her business and the clever team behind it.

So she set about transforming the home in 12 short weeks.

Not surprisingly, the results are drool-worthy.

From the bespoke double-gated entry off the nature strip right through to the attention to detail on the brass joinery handles, Beechwood is a thoroughly modern example of stylish Australian living.

The home is filled with exquisite custom-made furniture, carefully selected furnishings and is finished in a colour palette that elegantly reflects all that there is to love about the Australian landscape.

THE DETAILS

STYLING:
GREENHOUSE INTERIORS

ARCHITECTS:
WKH ARCHITECTS

BUILDER:
KLS BUILDERS

JOINERY:
GRAVINA CABINETS AND
INTERIORS

TAPS:
THE ENGLISH TAPWARE
COMPANY

LIGHTING:
THE MONTAUK LIGHTING CO.






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Kate says one of her main goals in designing the interiors of the home was to keep a strong connection with nature, so natural finishes are abundant, as are aged materials which will develop a more mature patina over time.


Kate paid particular attention to maximising the floor space and this involved pushing out some walls to open up the space and improve the connection between indoors and out.



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BEDROOM
FEATURES
LUXURIOUS
LINENS,
ABUNDANT
TEXTURES AND
BESPOKE
ARTWORKS.



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In the dining room, a wall was pushed out to make better use of an undercover area outside.

"We also installed new windows, blocked the side door off to allow more room for the kitchen joinery and laid new Italian oak floors," Kate says. "This space is such a stark contrast to what it was before."

Kate says she is passionate about using colour to transform homes and it was no different when she came to plan the colour scheme at her own home.

"Changing the paint colour of the walls in a room is one of the most cost-effective ways to completely change an interior," she says. "You don't need to spend a fortune to





STRIKING: The predominantly black and white colour scheme used in many spaces throughout the home features accent colours, such as blush and greens, that are inspired by nature.

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"Colour can also have a huge impact in a room when it's incorporated into the joinery, like the incredible joinery we designed for Beechwood using Dulux Currency Creek. We also used Strong Olive in the powder room and Oolong in Charlie's bedroom, both of which are among our favourite spaces.

"So you can imagine our delight when KWD was announced as a finalist for the Dulux Colour Awards, in the category of Residential Interior. We were named amongst some incredible design talent, firms that have provided us with inspiration for years."



**PERSONALISE**

Kate's monotone collection of family pictures is displayed beautifully in black frames, adding style and sentiment in one hit.



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THE LAYERS OF NATURAL TEXTILES USED THROUGHOUT THE LIVING ROOM TO CREATE A COSY, TACTILE SPACE