

IN THIS HOME, A FEW PIECES WERE SPLURGED ON TO TRICK UP THE INEXPENSIVE ITEMS



Milky way
Homeowner Lauren Li removed a laundry to open up the kitchen/dining area. The extension table is from Freedom, Swiss milk poster, The Galerie, and Lumi pendant, Articolo.

simple spaces



Light brigade
The small apartment was painted in Dulux "Natural White"; it contributes to the light, spacious vibe. The mid-century bookcase is from Designage and the Arflex "Pecorelle" chair is from Poliform. The artwork is by Hannah Fox. →

Go for colour

Lauren loves colour in her renovated kitchen. "If I get sick of the Ikea cupboards, I can swap them for other fronts as they're generally inexpensive." The cupboard handles are from Anthropologie. The brass mixer is from Sussex Taps. Vintage Ercol chairs work with modern surfaces.



WHO LIVES HERE?
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Lauren's loves "The colour of the kitchen cupboards keeps the space interesting, giving it life. I also love the patterned floor tiles in the bathroom. Lighting works really well; we've used various wall lights and pendants that allow for flexibility and create atmosphere. V-groove wall panelling adds texture and enhances the beach location – we're wedged between the beach and Parkdale, a Melbourne bayside suburb."

Plan D "The next plan is for the courtyard. It needs a new deck and paving so that we can use the space for dining," Lauren says.



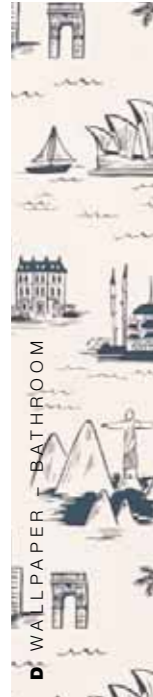
Double relaxing Lauren removed a cupboard to extend her renovated bathroom, above left, and include a laundry. Storage under the Ikea double vanity is useful, too. "Having a double vanity was non-negotiable!" she says. "Although the bathroom is small, we managed to fit it in and it works well for our family." A round Caprice mirror, from Mirror Mirror, opens up and softens the space. **Sleeping beauty** In the master bedroom, above right, carpet enhances the cosy feel while the white Globe West bedside tables are "visually light". An upholstered bedhead is from Forty Winks. "It's practical, soft and looks great," Lauren says. Artwork by Hannah Fox. →



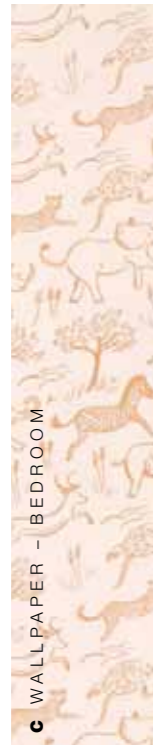
A CARPET



B KITCHEN SPLASHBACK



D WALLPAPER - BATHROOM



C WALLPAPER - BEDROOM

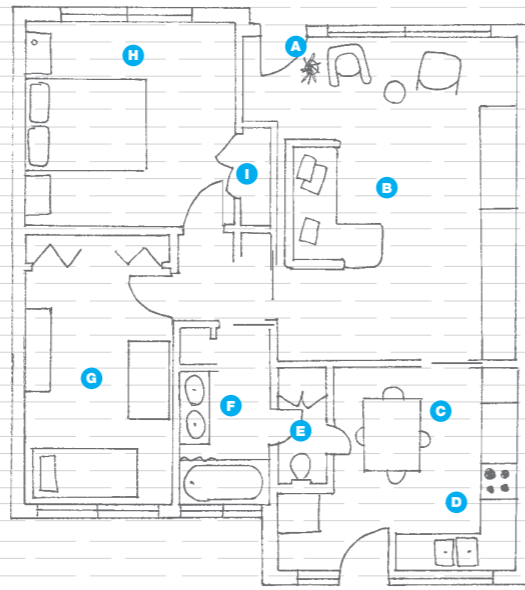
E INTERIOR PAINT

FINISHES

CARPET Redbook Green Life in **Floral Fields (A)**, from \$68 a sq m, Carpet Court. **KITCHEN SPLASHBACK** Agrestic tiles in **White Gloss (B)**; 75mm x 150mm), \$58.99 a sq m, Beaumont Tiles. **WALLPAPER** Safari in **Blush (C)**, and City Toile in **Parchment (D)**, both \$140USD for 9m roll (68.6cm wide), Rifle Paper Co. **INTERIOR PAINT** Dulux Wash & Wear in **Natural White (E)**, \$71.90 for 4L. For stockists, see page 176.



Welcome home
"Although there isn't an entry as such, we've made the most of the space behind the door – we needed to maximise the storage," Lauren says. An Ikea shoe cabinet does the trick, with room for keys on top. A Safari Living "Brita Sweden" rug zones the space.



KEY
A Entrance B Living area C Dining D Kitchen E Toilet
F Bathroom G Bedroom H Master bedroom I Linen cupboard

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Brassy girl
It's the attention to detail that gives this home panache. The brass wall light in the kitchen, from Cedar & Moss, ties in with the tumbled brass-finish tapware; the patina wears beautifully.



Denim dream
Rufus **chair** in Washed Denim/Smoke, \$3620, Jordan.

Marble mad
Square marble **trivet**, \$75, Marble Basics. 30cm.

Mr prickles
Cereus *hildmannianus* **cactus** from Hamilton's World Of Cacti. Pot not included.

Striking stripes
Stockholm **rug**, from \$299 for 1.7m x 2.4m, Ikea.

Pretty pour
Marimekko 700ml **teapot** in Oiva White, \$99, Funkis.

Hexy storage
Metal **box** with lid in Gold, \$7.95, H&M. 7cm x 4cm.

LAUREN'S MOODBOARD

Scandi-inspired pieces mix with cool colours, natural textures and hints of brass for a casual, stylish home

For the wall
HD3 **wall lamp** in Gold, from \$192, ISM Objects.

Master stroke
Meander oil on canvas **artwork**, \$850, Hannah Fox. 61cm x 51cm.

Pastel hue
Flynn round **mirror** in Blush, \$199, Urban Couture. 50cm dia.

Up, down
Flos "Parentesi" **suspension lamp**, \$530, Euroluce.

Textural touch
Classic leather **cushion** in Tan (40cm), \$120, Mr & Mrs White. Reverse is linen.

Room for all
"The custom-designed bench maximises space and allows us to squish lots of friends in for dinner," Lauren says.



On the side
Siena **bedside table** in White Aluminium, \$900, Globe West.