



The newly renovated Cottesloe home.

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# THE MAKING OF A SHORE PIECE

*With no truck access, materials had to be brought in by wheelbarrow or by hand, but the builder says it was well worth the effort*

**W**HAT began life as a 1980s beach pad has turned into a contemporary family home with large open spaces and natural light to bring the outside in.

The project began when the owners of this Cottesloe property wanted to transform the once-tired home into a more functional space to accommodate an older family.

"The owner is sporty and outdoorsy and the home is really a reflection of her lifestyle," says Colour Lust owner Victoria Merendino, who created the colour concepts for the home.

Using the original structure as a canvas, builder Michael Walsh of Venue Construction used building styles similar to those in the

existing home to allow for a seamless transition from old to the new.

"We used bagged brickwork and then painted it to match the original features and keep with the original era and also contrast with the more modern design of the home," Michael says.

He explains that the most difficult part of the entire renovation process was that the site wasn't accessible by truck and everything had to be brought in by wheelbarrow or by hand.

Walking through the home, you get a feel for the family's appreciation for art, with the walls painted white like a blank canvas.

Throughout the home, you are greeted by fine art beautifully put on display thanks to the drop pendant lights, which give the space the feel of an art gallery.

The builder has incorporated a casual beach house vibe by using lime-washed timber floorboards and door frames.

In order to accent the naturally beachy look, skylights were also installed in the lounge and kitchen to enhance and open up the space in these areas.

Two built-in gas fireplaces were installed in each living area.

A beautifully landscaped rear alfresco area has a pergola with shutters that open and close to enhance light and, best of all, self-close when there is rain.

Perhaps the showpiece of the renovation is the granny flat that was built on top of the garage. It has its own laundry, bathroom and open living space.

The lengths to which the owner has gone to in designing the granny flat is immediately evident.

"The entire flat was handpainted with a timber wash to give it a natural beach look that ties in well with the rest of the home," Victoria says.

Another unique feature in the home is the kitchen splashback, which was created by sealing wallpaper with a beautiful forest motif under glass panelling.

"I've never done something like that before, so it was something new and a bit of a challenge," Michael says.

"The owner is very happy with the renovation and what we were able to achieve."

**Alysha Anderson**





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