

New kid ON THE BLOCK

This elegant family home marries classic
Hamptons style with modern flair.

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DINING Dining table and chairs from [1] 'terracotta' and decorative accessories from Norsu Interiors.



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There's nothing like a Melbourne lockdown to throw a spanner in the works of a new home build, but even with trades on site restricted to five at a time, the stunning family home was completed in just nine months.

"It was a unique experience to build through a global pandemic, but it made the handover of this project all the more rewarding," says Cassandra Mazza, operations manager at building company Construct Melbourne.

The homeowners worked closely with Construct Melbourne's architect from the get-go to create a fully customised home that would be functional for the whole family.

"The client was initially inspired by some classic Hampton's features, such as a shingle-style roof, weatherboard exterior and multiple-paned windows," says Cassandra.

"They also loved modern features: clean, crisp lines; a simple colour palette of black and white; and the use of different materials such as matt black and brushed brass."

Interestingly, the house that originally stood on this site was bought by *The Block* and moved to a new location

before being renovated as House 4 on the show's 2020 season. With the old house gone, the land was levelled and the build could begin.

The finished home is generously proportioned and striking. As you walk through its black steel double doors you're swept into a grand hallway, which draws the eye right through to the living area, with views onto the magnificent pool.

"The view from the large living space of the stunning white-tiled pool is just perfection," says Cassandra. "White tiles give the pool an elegant and refined sophistication against the most exquisite, soft turquoise water colour."

Cassandra adds that everyone who visits the home comments on the flow of the garage entrance into the mudroom, with access through to the laundry. The home even includes a laundry chute so that family members don't have to lug dirty laundry from upstairs to downstairs.

Everything about the interior feels calm, clean and sophisticated, but it's also ultra-functional for the family of four. It has its own gym (allowing the family to keep fit >

KITCHEN "We planned the kitchen with generous proportions in mind and have stayed true to our modern/classic aesthetic," says home owner and interior designer Lisa Watson of Villa Avenue (@villa.avenue on Instagram). "The luxury details make this kitchen so special, such as integrated appliances, full size wine fridge, the bank of wall ovens and butlers pantry." Decorative accessories from Norsu Interiors.

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LIVING ROOM White armchair by Sarah
pink armchair from GlobalWest; floral artwork
Kimmy Hogan; abstract artwork by Tracy Mo
coffee tables from The Rug Collective; lamp fi
Living; rug from Armadillo; decorative accesso
from Norsu Interiors.





Electric Power
 This mood board from
 Cirrus Melbourne is
 adaptable for kids' rooms
 and home offices.

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POWDER ROOM "We planned for the powder room to have some extra visual interest and warmth as it's also used for guests," says Lisa. "We've created a welcoming space with classic stacked feature tiles, black concrete basin, brass tapware and a rattan pendant light. I love adding plants and a textured hand towel to keep it luxurious and pretty."





POOL HOUSE "The pool house is an extension of the house with its own bathroom," says Lisa. "We have it set up as a fully equipped gym which we use daily. It also has the potential to be used as a guest house in the future."

and healthy whether in lockdown or not," Cassandra points out, along with a well-sized separate home office, perfect for parents to work remotely.

There's plenty of room for the kids to play together, enjoy time in either of the two family rooms, or tend to the veggie garden in the front yard.

"The rear undercover area provides space to hold dinner parties and is fully equipped with a built-in barbeque and joinery to make entertaining a breeze," Cassandra explains.

The house has an impressive street presence and is unique for its location. "The area features a lot of grand old homes, and as you drive down the street you suddenly see this striking white home standing out with its dark-tiled roof and black Hampton-style windows," says Cassandra. "The front porch, with its granite tiles and stunning matt black wall lights, is really something to behold!"

"The clients were thrilled to see their dream home brought to life."

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LIVING ROOM "The open plan living area is connected to the kitchen and dining area yet has a cosy feel with the built-in fireplace being at the centre of this space," says Lisa. "We designed cohesive built-in storage with vertical panelling, which is so practical for tucking away all of the kids games and clutter."

OUTDOOR ENTERTAINING "The alfresco area has a seamless connection to the kitchen space especially when we open up the huge bifold doors," says Lisa. "We love entertaining and have planned the space accordingly with the built-in barbeque area with double drink fridges. We often sit here for family meals and can use the space all year round!"





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