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Extended staycation

Private and serene, this couple's ensuite feels like a luxury hotel getaway.

STORY *Rhiannon Lidbury* | PHOTOGRAPHY *Derek Swalwell*

The main ensuite in this couple's Melbourne home feels like "an understated, very cool, luxury hotel", says Heartly key designer Mikayla Rose, and it's only amplified by the fact that it leads out to a balcony with expansive views of the city's skyline. The bathroom's central double vanity, framed by blackened timber wall panelling, grounds the space, while a steamroom shower, generous bath and organic palette create a sense of serenity. The designers were also able to create plenty of natural light without compromising the owners' privacy. "The large window over the bath faces the rear of the heritage buildings of Bridge Road," says Mikayla. "It is an argon gas-filled window that provides privacy at the flick of a switch." **Heartly, heartly.com.au.**

What was the brief for this bathroom? A spacious, luxurious, confident space with a private steamroom shower.

Were there any challenges along the way? There were challenges in construction, including craning the argon window into place.

What do you love about the bathroom? I love the use of materials, particularly charred timber (a key feature of the facade of the home) as a primary element of the vanity wall. Its organic nature beautifully complements the honed Bellasetta marble and microcement, with the handmade Anchor Ceramics lights completing the space.

BATHROOM design notes

WALLS 'X-Bond' microcement in Haze, Alt Surfaces.

FLOOR TILES 'Merricks' honed terrazzo tiles, De Fazio.

FEATURE WALL Charred timber cladding, Eco Timber.

JOINERY Navurban laminate in Toorak, New Age Veneers.

BENCHTOP & SPLASHBACK 'Bellaseta' marble, G Lux.

BASIN 'Pop' undercounter basins in Gloss White, Studio Bagno.

BATH Kaskade Stone 'Aveo' freestanding bath, Reece.

TAPWARE Phoenix 'Vivid' slimline wall basin outlet, shower/wall mixer and floor-mounted bath mixer with hand shower in Gun Metal, all Reece.

LIGHTING 'Earth' wall lights in Charcoal, Anchor Ceramics.

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Glass ceiling

A trick of the light is key to making this bathroom dramatic and bold.

STORY *Alexandra English* | PHOTOGRAPHY *Derek Swalwell*

A dilapidated Victorian cottage in Richmond, with no heritage-preserving restrictions, offered a rare opportunity for its owners to knock it down and start again. Interior designer Mikayla Rose, director and principal at Heartly, was briefed on creating a space that was modern, strong and bold. For this second-floor bathroom, which is one of three in the home, she made clever use of a glass roof over the entire shower area to drench the space in sunlight and give the impression of an outdoor shower. To enhance the light, mosaic tiles run the full height of the light shaft to intersect with the glazed ceiling tiles. The effect is beautiful: “The sun washes down over the tiles highlighting the exceptional craftsmanship of the builder and trades,” she says.

Heartly, heartly.com.au.

What was the brief for this bathroom? The owner wanted a pared-back, dramatic functional space.

Were there any challenges involved? The precise execution of the framing and wall and ceiling linings was critical to ensure the tiles could be installed up into the lightwell, beyond the ceiling level.

What do you love about the bathroom? I love how simple and dramatic it is. The glass ceiling opened up scope in the design to really pare back other elements and allow the light and materials to create the mood.

BATHROOM design notes

WALL & FLOOR TILES ‘Merricks’ terrazzo in honed finish, De Fazio.

FEATURE TILES Unglazed mosaic squares in Charcoal, Academy Tiles.

JOINERY ‘Navurban’ timber-look laminate in Toorak, New Age Veneers.

BENCHTOP Natural stone ‘Bellaseta’ marble, G-Lux.

BASIN ‘Pop’ undercounter basin in Gloss White, Studio Bagno.

TAPWARE Phoenix ‘Vivid’ slimline wall basin outlet and shower/wall mixer in Brushed Carbon, Reece.

Down to earth

Natural materials meet urban sophistication in this beachside home.

STORY *Alexandra English* | PHOTOGRAPHY *Dylan James*

"This ensuite is a luxurious, spacious, spa-like retreat for the parents." Mikayla Rose

This beachfront home on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula has three bathrooms and two powder rooms, but this ensuite is a sanctuary for its owners, whose three young children have the run of the rest of the house. The couple approached Mikayla Rose, director and principal of Heartly, and her colleague Shannen Conway, to mastermind their new build that embraced earthy materials – think charred timber and rammed earth – to solidify a connection with the coastal environment. For this ensuite, the designers emphasised an organic aesthetic via an arched doorway in keeping with the main bedroom's walk-in robe. The soft curve is repeated in the shaving cabinets and the toilet door within the ensuite. The bathroom is also more spacious than you would expect, with a freestanding bath, shower and private toilet all separate from one another. **Heartly, heartly.com.au. Whelan Project Builders, whelanprojectbuilders.com.au.**

What was the brief for this bathroom? To create a spacious, luxury bathing retreat with beautiful finishes for the owners.

Were there any challenges? Achieving the desired arch finish on both cavity sliding doors and a hinged door required careful planning and execution by the builder and trades.

What do you love about this space? This ensuite is a luxurious, spacious, spa-like retreat for the parents. Each area has its own clear and dedicated space, which creates a real sense of luxury, elegance and calm within the bathing space.

BATHROOM *design notes*

WALL TILES Nagoya Mosaic-Tile Co 'Minokoyo' gloss tiles, Academy Tiles. 'Nuances' porcelain tiles in Light Grey, Artedomus.

FLOOR TILES Kado 'Flakes' terrazzo tiles in Lead, Tiento.

JOINERY Navurban laminate in Balmoral, New Age Veneers.

BENCHTOP Tundra Grey marble, Gladstones Granite & Marble.

BASIN Kaskade 'Aveo RSA12' benchtop oval basin with matte finish, Reece.

BATH Kaskade 'Aveo RSA12' freestanding stone bath with matte finish, Reece.

PAINT Walls painted Dulux Natural White Half.