

HAMPTON

Expert tips for forever homes

PLANNING on building or renovating?

Frances Cosway's new book *Your Forever Home* will "future proof" your work to ensure it serves your family's needs not just now, but in decades to come.

Cosway (pictured), principal of Hampton's White Pebble Interiors, said multifunctional rooms were vital in a "forever home".

"The trend at the moment is for large retreats, which are generally open spaces unable to be closed off, so their adaptability is limited," Cosway said.

"Instead of an open-plan retreat, a room with double sliding cavity doors can be opened up to create a sense of space, yet having the doors creates flexibility in how the room can be used."



Cosway said when investing so much time, money and effort into a new home, or renovation, it made sense to consider how spaces would work in the future.

"A master bedroom with key living areas all on the same level enables you to live in your home longer, so it makes sense to plan for the future," she said. "Having a shower instead of a bath in the downstairs bathroom makes it more practical, as stepping in and out of a bath may be a challenge when you're older."

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