

# LIFE IN HAMPTON

While you won't find it on the sunny shores of Long Island, USA, this inviting Melbourne home offers a slice of paradise close to the beach

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THE PORCELANOSA TIMBER  
TILES, WHICH ADD WARMTH  
TO THE LIVING AREA



THE SIMPLE STYLE OF THE  
HOUSE CREATES A HAVEN  
FROM A BUSY WORLD

It's clear from first glance that this modern family home is no cookie-cutter design. Glowing with rich colours and textures, spacious living areas and knockout street appeal, this house lies in the heart of beachside Hampton in Melbourne. With a plan for this residence to be the "forever home" of the family of four, who better to create their dream space than White Pebble Interiors' Frances Cosway, who penned the book *Your Forever Home*.

The ideology of "less is more" isn't just the backbone of this house, but of the owners themselves. "The simplicity of Scandinavian design, which reflected the taste of the homeowners, was the inspiration and foundation of the home's interiors," says Frances. "This is a house that has

been consciously pared back to emphasise simple materials, design aesthetic and philosophy."

A far cry from the original period home, which lacked light and insulation, the new space is a bespoke oasis with doors to the backyard that open right up and warm details such as upholstered bedheads, heavy curtains and a fireplace.

"The owners are entertainers at heart, so functional, durable spaces were high on the agenda," Frances explains. "The home also needed to be adaptable for when overseas family came to stay. We designed the floorplan to cater to this, with sliding doors in the second living area able to block off the space so it can be used as a study or additional bedroom."

Living in Hampton means alfresco relaxation is



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AROUND THE HOME



often an option. One step into the backyard reveals the bright blue of the pool and outside seating area for maximum outdoor enjoyment.

"We installed a pergola where a deciduous ornamental grape creeper would be added to allow winter sun through, yet provide shade in summer," Frances says.

A home that embraces minimalist and modern styling deserves furniture that achieves the same. The mix of whites, greys and timber lends a softness to the design, coloured by the warm flooring and items of great sentimentality.

"Classic furniture pieces were chosen to complement the uncluttered and unfussy materials chosen for each space," explains Frances. "A family heirloom heritage coffee table from Denmark was also included, as was their treasured original artwork pieces."

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The design process from concept to creation was a journey in itself, with the strong relationship between designer and owners allowing a back and forth of ideas. “Initially the owners were adamant they wanted a natural timber floor, but after showing them the beauty and qualities of Porcelanosa Timber tile, they were sold,” Frances reveals. “This is now one of their favourite elements of the house.”

Timeless, considered design and understated details culminate in the creation of this family’s dream home, which will undoubtedly be enjoyed for years to come. All of the owners’ favourite details, much-loved furniture pieces and design components have been included, ensuring a sense of lasting comfort. **HD** [whitepebbleinteriors.com.au](http://whitepebbleinteriors.com.au)



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