

A vibrant rug creates energy in the living room.

HOLLYWOOD WITH A TWIST

MODERN, SOPHISTICATED AND GLAMOROUS, THIS MELBOURNE HOME MARRIES ELEGANCE WITH A DASH OF ECCENTRICITY — SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED



Fuchsia and aqua clash to create a stunning dining area.

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It's easy to go back to basics, but what happens when neutrals just don't cut it for a family who likes the finer things in life? An interior overhaul of the family home, of course. Although many people dream of living in a French-style property with modern luxuries and monochromatic shades, having a personal stamp on your abode is crucial for making it just that — a home.

Interior designer Massimo Speroni was brought in by this family of five to “inject colour and glamour” into their Melbourne house to make it come to life. “Although the property had a grand and imposing street presence, the interiors were bland,” says Massimo. “They were frustrated and in need of direction.”

When redesigning a home, a bond is established between designer and homeowner, with both parties working towards a cohesive vision. In this instance, Massimo and the client formed a connection through their European backgrounds. “The wife was originally from the UK and her experience with interiors when growing up in Europe was filled with wallpapers, colourful upholstery and antique furniture pieces,” he says. “As an Italian designer growing up in Milan, I could relate to her heritage and we developed a bond as soon as the project commenced.”

Massimo spearheaded the vision of redecorating the home. “I aimed to create a space that reflected the clients’ personalities — bold and colourful, while maintaining an elegant and sophisticated atmosphere,” he explains. “The colour palette was determined in most cases by the paintings and beautiful artworks already in the clients’ possession.”

As one steps into the luxurious abode, the curved mirrored staircase is a glamorous statement with maximum impact. “The staircase’s panelled wall mirror was inspired by the famous Coco Chanel mirrored staircase,”



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IT'S SAFE TO SAY THIS ONCE-BEIGE HOME NOW HAS ITS VERY OWN UNIQUE STAMP FULL OF DEPTH, COMPLEXITY AND GLAMOUR.



The Andy Warhol Marilyn Monroe prints are a bright way to inject personality into the living room.

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says Massimo. “The size of each mirror panel had to be calculated specifically for the design.” Two generous bedrooms for the kids are located on the first level, decorated in yellow and blue respectively, with a shared bathroom. “The third bedroom has its own ensuite and the master bedroom has a balcony that overlooks the pool,” continues Massimo. “It has an ensuite with a freestanding bath and expansive dressing room.”

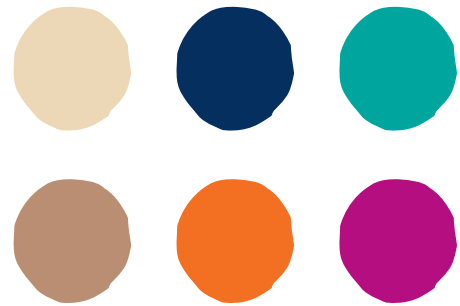
They say purple is the colour of royalty, and the clients’ master bedroom oozes with this rich hue. “The wife’s brief for this bedroom was to achieve a sexy boudoir fit for a king or queen,” says Massimo. “The aim was to bring the walls in to create a cocooning effect — hence the pheasant wallpaper from Mokum. My favourite thing about the bedroom is the pair of 1950s Italian Murano glass tube and brass wall sconces. It was my lucky find from an antique dealer in Texas.”

The formal dining area drips with crystal and mirrors that are complemented by the hot-pink chairs and turquoise rug. “The clients entertain on a regular basis, so it was imperative that a large table catered for 10 to 14 guests,” says Massimo. “I custom-designed the rug and selected colours to work back with the lamps.”



A mirrored counter top that meshes marble and glass not only extends the space but looks great, too.

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Colour Palette

Colour is king in this project. Dark beige is contrasted with tones of rich orange, teal, navy and purple-pink highlights. The result is a lush and decadent space where creativity thrives.



The third bedroom, decorated in green, blue and yellow, has its own ensuite.



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Meet the Designer

MASSIMO SPERONI

Massimo Speroni is the head designer of Melbourne-based interior design firm Massimo Interiors. Having grown up in Milan, Italy, Massimo has a natural instinct for innovative design concepts and elegant finishes that bring a sense of personality and completion to a home.

Massimo's passion is to help clients transform their homes and workplaces, and share his knowledge on how to create bespoke and exciting spaces. He layers whimsy and tradition in his comfortable and bespoke interiors. He has an eye for sophisticated symmetry, combining order with bursts of colour and optimism.

Consistent throughout his work is a sense of glamour, drawing inspiration from both classical and contemporary references, skilfully merged into new and original contexts.

RIGHT This master bedroom is all about luxury — take note of the luxe carpet, leopard-print accents and velvet bedhead.

The colour scheme continues into the lounge room, playing on the old Hollywood theme of the house. "The rug and sofa were custom-made," says Massimo. "The Mongolian lamb bench is by Jonathan Adler and the two antique armchairs were refinished and reupholstered."

The outdoor entertaining area, inspired by Palm Springs, is an oasis filled with pops of colour. Royal blue drapes add privacy, while citrus-coloured lounges are ideal for relaxing by the pool. A hanging pod chair is conveniently suspended right next to the drinks cart.

Walking through this home is a journey through the design vision of Massimo and the client. Every room boasts its own signature, from colours to furniture to those highly coveted art pieces. It's safe to say this once-beige home now has its very own unique stamp full of depth, complexity and glamour. ♡

