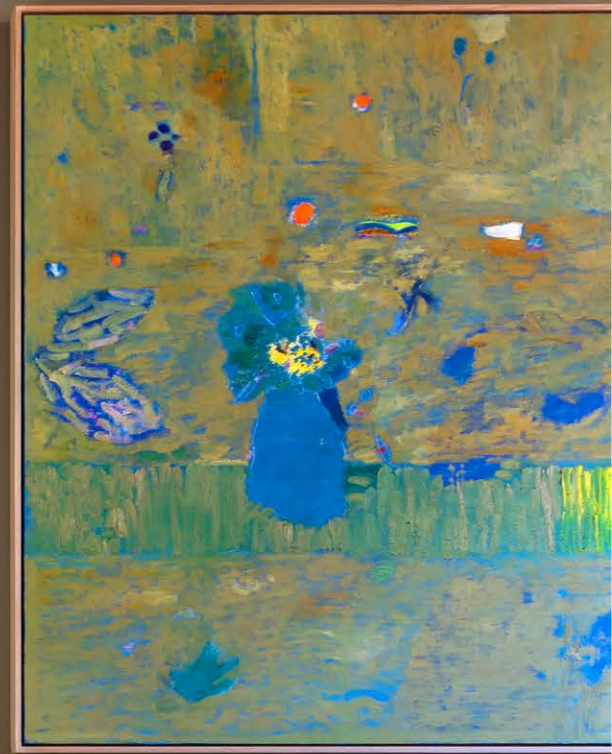


Dutch MASTER

A heritage weatherboard is just the ticket for a Netherlands-based family relocating to Geelong.
STORY *Hanna Marton* | STYLING *Lauren Foy* | PHOTOGRAPHY *Timothy Kaye*



ENTRY James Hardie 'Linea' boards painted Dulux Colorbond Surfmist and trims painted Dulux Natural White. Lamp by Sarah Nedovic. Tiles, Regeneration Tiles. Lights, Sonic Lighting. **FAMILY ROOM** Walls painted Haymes Paint Linear. *Muse* artwork by Amber Stokie. Kett 'Erskine' sofa, Cosh Living, in George Spencer Designs 'Spencer' velvet. Throw, Hermès. Vintage coffee table and scatter cushions in The Textile Company fabrics, all sourced by Rebecca Jansma Interior Design. Afghan Ziegler rug, Cadrys.



Renovating any home takes courage, but the owners of this Federation weatherboard in Geelong, Victoria, took a huge leap of faith. They snapped it up in 2021 while living in the Netherlands and enlisted architect Ben Robertson and interior architect Lauren Foy of Tecture. One of the owners, a seasoned renovator of heritage homes, explains: “Our agent assured us the location was perfect, and we trusted that Tecture and the builders would turn it into a beautiful family home.”

The north-facing property did tick all the boxes, yet it was ripe for a European-inspired reimagining ahead of the owners’ return to Australia with their two teenage kids. Over Zoom and email, Ben, Lauren and the owners finessed the floorplan and interiors to inject quiet luxury.

The rear extension – sporting a quirky diagonal corridor, bonus bedroom and faux-Colonial kitchen – along with a single-room, second-storey annex, had to go. ▶



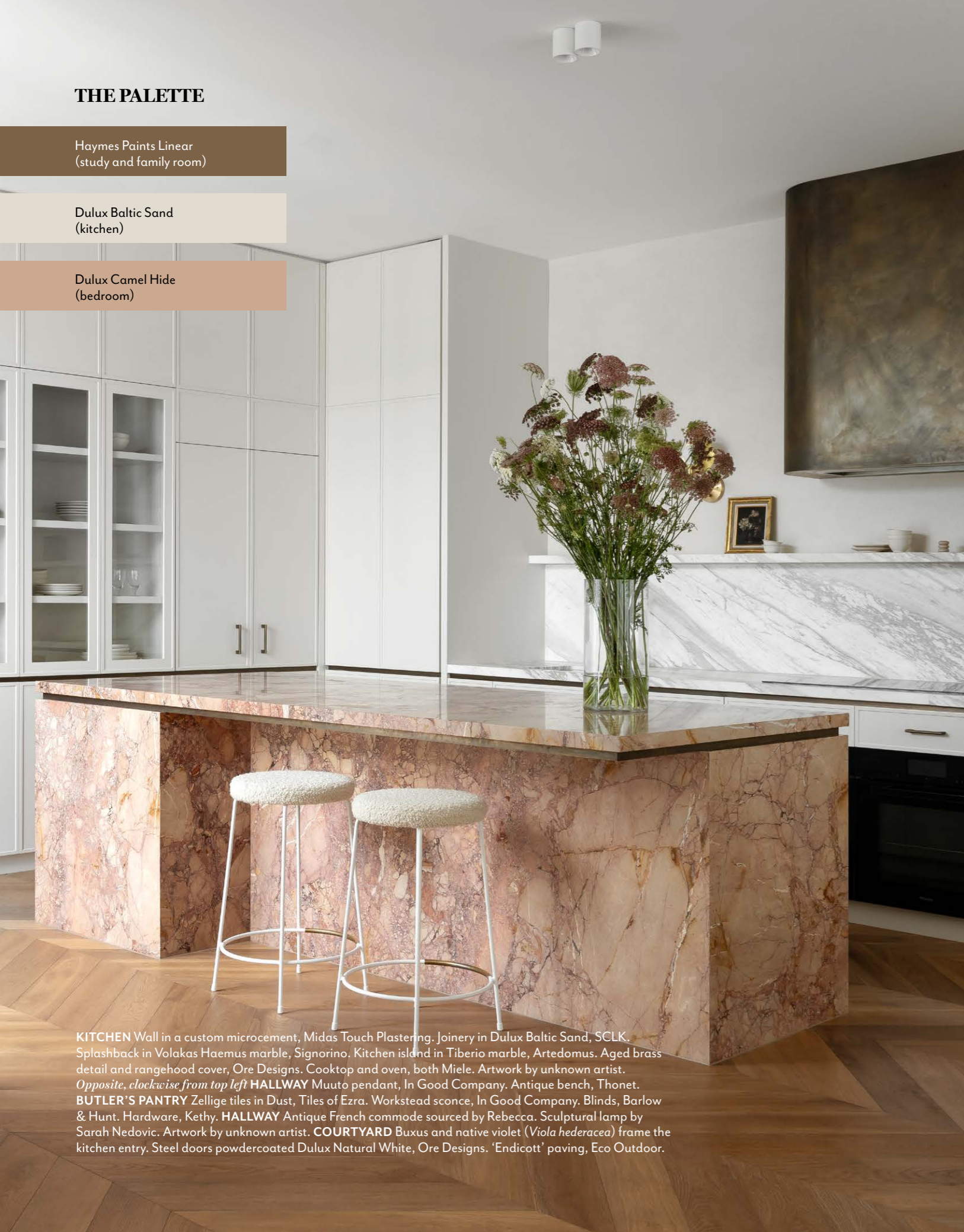
DINING Rebecca Jansma designed the table, made by Robert Brown, and the American walnut buffet, made by Hammer & Stone Creative Workroom. Dining chairs, Thonet. *Slide in the Light* artwork by Harold David. Gubi floor lamp, In Good Company. Curtains, Barlow & Hunt. French Oak chevron parquetry flooring in Biscuit, Made by Storey. **LIVING** Walls painted Dulux Natural White. ‘Cleo’ sofa, Jordan. Custom coffee table by Rebecca Jansma Interior Design and Hammer & Stone Creative Workroom. Volakas Haemus marble surround, Signorino. Antique French mirror and solid oak chest. *Slide in the Light* artwork by Harold David (reflected in mirror). Afghan Bamyan rug, Cadrys.

THE PALETTE

Haymes Paints Linear
(study and family room)

Dulux Baltic Sand
(kitchen)

Dulux Camel Hide
(bedroom)



KITCHEN Wall in a custom microcement, Midas Touch Plastering. Joinery in Dulux Baltic Sand, SCLK. Splashback in Volakas Haemus marble, Signorino. Kitchen island in Tiberio marble, Artedomus. Aged brass detail and rangehood cover, Ore Designs. Cooktop and oven, both Miele. Artwork by unknown artist. *Opposite, clockwise from top left* **HALLWAY** Muuto pendant, In Good Company. Antique bench, Thonet. **BUTLER'S PANTRY** Zellige tiles in Dust, Tiles of Ezra. Workstead sconce, In Good Company. Blinds, Barlow & Hunt. Hardware, Kethy. **HALLWAY** Antique French commode sourced by Rebecca. Sculptural lamp by Sarah Nedovic. Artwork by unknown artist. **COURTYARD** Buxus and native violet (*Viola hederacea*) frame the kitchen entry. Steel doors powdercoated Dulux Natural White, Ore Designs. 'Endicott' paving, Eco Outdoor.





“I wanted to have fun with colour. Rebecca gave me courage to take chances with fabrics and rugs.” OWNER

Ben and Lauren redesigned the extension, restoring the now single-level house to accommodate a marble kitchen, butler’s pantry, laundry and living/dining. The front of the house was tweaked to include four lavish bedrooms, a bathroom, guest ensuite and powder room. “The main bedroom doesn’t have a walk-in robe, but walk-through robe doors unveil a beautiful ensuite,” says Ben.

The old and new parts of the house are delineated by an elegant study and a family room. “You move past them to get to the lower kitchen/living/dining,” says Ben. The owner wanted a darker palette and wainscoting here. “There is beauty in cosy and intimate rooms,” says Lauren.

Lauren also took cues from the original house. “It had been painted pastel greens and peachy tones, and some of that did find its way into the palette! For example, the Tiberio marble kitchen island, soft greens in the bathrooms, and the green Venetian plaster in the powder room.”

Interior designer Rebecca Jansma assisted with art, furniture, lighting and decor selection. “We only brought

two pieces of furniture from the Netherlands – the piano, and a Mathieu Challeières light shade from my daughter’s bedroom,” says the owner. “We needed to furnish from scratch. It was overwhelming, [but] Rebecca was fantastic.”

Outside, Plume Studio added lush plantings, whimsical groundcover and an exterior fireplace. A classic garden adorns the frontage, stepping stones and native violet lead down the side to a courtyard, and beyond the carport and gym is the backyard and barbecue area.

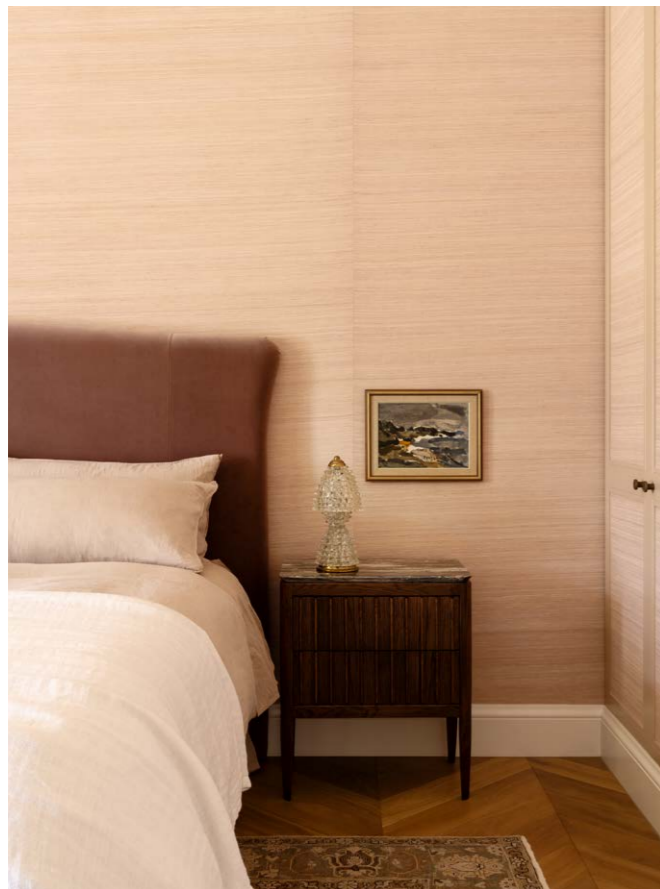
After an 18-month build, this globetrotting family of four was rapt with the result. “The materials and features are beautiful, but most of all, the spaces feel wonderful.”

Ben and Lauren are most proud that the international owners trusted them wholeheartedly. It was such a success, in fact, that they’ve re-engaged Tecture to transform their holiday house. Watch this space. ▶

Tecture: tecture.com.au. Rebecca Jansma Interior Design: rebeccajansma.com.au. Biviano Builders: @bivianobuilders. Plume Studio: plumestudio.com.au.



STUDY Walls painted Haymes Paint Linear. Pendant light, Anna Charlesworth. Eames chair, and Vitra desk lamp, both In Good Company. The velvet ottoman was designed by Rebecca Jansma. Rug, Cadrys. **FAMILY ROOM** Walls painted Haymes Paint Linear. Pendant light, Anna Charlesworth. Muse artwork by Amber Stokie (far left). Vintage oil painting. Nouveau artwork by Thomas Bucich (right). Kett sofa, Cosh Living. Throw, Hermès. Coffee table and cushions sourced by Rebecca. Rug, Cadrys.



ENSUITE Appenino River marble benchtop and detail, Signorino. 'City Plus' tapware in Brushed Brass Organic, Brodware. Zellige tiles in Snow, Tiles of Ezra. 'Anton' sconces, Volker Haug Studio. *Opposite, clockwise from top left* **MAIN ENSUITE** Curtains, Barlow & Hunt. Moda 'Ava' bath, ACS Designer Bathrooms. 'City Plus' mixer, Brodware. Towel, Aura Home. **POWDER ROOM** Walls in custom Venetian plaster, Midas Touch Plastering. Custom mirror, Tecture. Aquarzo quartzite vanity, Artedomus. Tapware, Brodware. Sconce, Kelly Wearstler. Greg Natale 'Marmo II' floor tiles, and Bianco Carrara marble skirting tile, all GT&B. Towel rail, Scandiluxe. **MAIN BEDROOM** Joinery in Dulux Camel Hide. PINCH 'Anders' pendant light, Winning Appliances. Artwork by unknown artist. Curtains, Barlow & Hunt. *Bottom left* Walls in Phillip Jeffries 'Amalfi Silk II' wallpaper in Rosato. Rebecca designed the bedhead in S. Harris velvet, and sourced the Vintage Swedish oil artwork, and Barovier&Toso lamp. Bed linen, Bedouin Societe. Bedside table, Zuster. Rug, Cadrys.



THIS IS THE LIFE

While the owners still travel back and forth to the Netherlands, their new home base in Geelong is special. "This is where we all come together to spend time as a family," says one of the owners. "We love to entertain, whether inside around the dining table or in the beautiful garden spaces by Plume Studio; but when it's just the four of us, nothing beats family games night."

COURTYARD Chilly Victorian nights are no match for the double-sided fireplace, designed by Tecture with Plume Studio. Chinese fringe flower, lace-leaf Japanese maple, Indian hawthorn and buxus add robust shades of green to the new space. 'Endicott' crazy paving, Eco Outdoor. 'Mauritius Island' outdoor armchairs, GlobeWest.

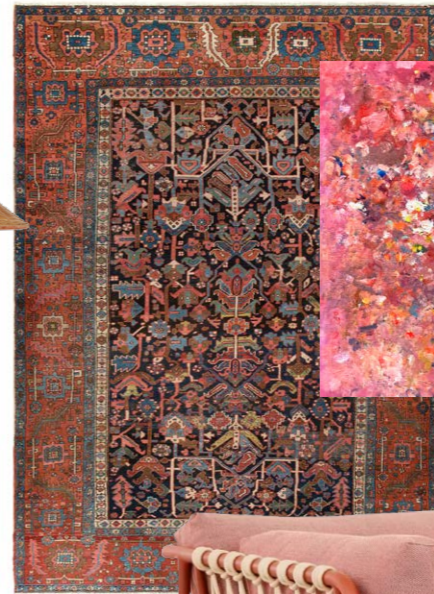


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THE SOURCE

Balance a love of pink interiors by layering blush tones with sophisticated brass highlights and timber notes.

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Produced by Andrea Healy.

1 Jean Prouvé 'Lampe de Bureau' table lamp in Japanese Red, \$635, Living Edge. 2 Antique Persian Heriz rug, \$38,500, Cadrys. 3 Human, Kind artwork by Amber Stokie, \$1700, Boom Gallery. 4 Vintage brass candlesticks, \$159/two, The Lost + Found Department. 'Adonis' iron candle stand, \$39.95/short to \$49.95/tall, Few & Far. 5 'Saxon' buffet, \$4399, Domayne. 6 Gubi '9602' floor lamp with Bamboo Shade, from \$1960, Cult. 7 'Anton' wall light in Gunmetal, \$1300, Volker Haug Studio. 8 'Mauritius Island' sofa chair in Brique - Ecu, \$2990, GlobeWest. 9 'Pascale' cushion in Almond, \$47.96, Kas Australia. 10 'Elysian' floor-mounted basin/bath filler with mixer in Brushed Brass, \$1249.90, ABI Interiors. H&G