



A wall of windows on one side of the passage provides plenty of light.



Builder turns dream into reality

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The owners of a narrow block in Shenton Park wanted to build a spacious four-bedroom, two-bathroom home, so they turned to Devrite Constructions to turn plans drawn up by architect Kim Doepel into reality.

Devrite owners Ron and Jay Mangano specialise in building stylish, well-designed houses on difficult-sized and shaped blocks.

The Shenton Park home's sandstone front courtyard and textured exterior make it a stylish addition that blends in well with the quiet street.

It comprises three areas with bedrooms at the single-storey front, a living and indoor/outdoor entertaining area in the mid-section rising to the owner's

wing and the two-storey rear. Along the way, Devrite has incorporated various features requested by the well-travelled owners, such as bi-fold doors, top appliances and a stunning red splashback.

Devrite office manager Melissa Stein said one of the four-year-old company's assets was the work it put into giving clients what they wanted, no matter how tricky the task seemed.

A western red cedar feature door opens to a blackbutt-floored passage that runs the length of the left side of the home, creating the effect of a very spacious house.

On the right are two good-sized bedrooms which have plenty of built-in storage space with sliding mirror fronts. To the left is a theatre which has French doors

that open to a courtyard at the side of the house. Steel awnings are embedded into the brickwork above the doors.

Farther down the passage, the walls to the left are glass, allowing a view of the courtyard. Two steps down and to the right is a bathroom and toilet. A long, narrow window spans one of the walls. Two cube sinks are set into the vanity unit and there is a shower and stone feature wall.

At the end of the passage is a big dining area which is separated from the kitchen by an island bench. Bi-fold doors can be opened to allow full integration between the dining area, which has a gas log fire as a feature, and the courtyard and alfresco area.

The courtyard has a raised planter running along the wall and

The home blends in with the rest of the quiet street but its sandstone front courtyard and textured exterior make it a stylish addition.

the alfresco area has a ceiling fan and sandstone-finish paving.

The main suite is upstairs. The bathroom has a shower, stone feature wall, toilet, bulkhead and two cube sinks that sit on top of the vanity allowing more cupboard space. Once again, the windows are small allowing the other features to take precedence.

The bedroom has a feature bulkhead with stainless-steel downlights and a big balcony that looks out to the street and the side of the house. There is also a separate walk-in robe, so big that it could be a small bedroom if it

wasn't for the built-in cupboards.

The kitchen is well planned, with plenty of storage space and a metallic olympia red laminex splashback, gas cooktop, oven, microwave and integrated dishwasher. The Essa Stone benchtop has two sinks, as does the island benchtop. The laundry also has Essa Stone benchtops and a door out to a double garage.

The home has three split-system air-conditioning systems, one serving the front bedrooms, one the entertaining and dining sections, with the final unit in the main suite.