

Town house the perfect infill



A circular staircase leads up to a study in the loft of the inner-city town house.

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This custom-built town house near Hyde Park is a prime example of what can be achieved on infill lots in the inner-city.

The town house, on one of two 160sqm blocks, each with a width of 6.6m, in a subdivision behind an older character home, manages to pack in 252sqm of living space without feeling cramped or poky.

Owner Heidi Bruce designed the house, drawing on her experience working in real estate and having designed a previous home she had built in the area.

Indeed, it was this experience that influenced her decision to engage Devrite Homes of Distinction to build her home.

"I'd known them for a quite a while and their reputation was good," Ms Bruce said.

"The service was much better with a boutique builder."

Entry is from a lane at the back, and opens into the double garage.

Inside, a hallway leads to the front of the home and opens into a bathroom and guest bedroom with built-in robe.

A study nook is tucked into one side of the hall, while at the end there is a living area with access to a courtyard garden and the laundry.

Ms Bruce described the design as "upside-down", with the living areas and main suite upstairs to take advantage of the views over the city.

A tiled open-plan dining and living area is sited on the landing.

This also includes the good-sized kitchen, which has stainless-steel appliances, floor-to-ceiling storage and plenty



Heidi Bruce with her cat Abby.

of drawer space.

The living area opens to the tiled balcony and includes a spiral staircase providing access to a study in the loft which has a vaulted ceiling.

The main suite has a private balcony, walk-in robe and ensuite with a big shower and separate toilet.

The focus throughout the home has been on achieving an uncluttered look that makes the most of the available space. Thus storage has been built-in wherever possible, including under the stairs.

Clean lines and downlights, with some smaller pendant lights and a chandelier over the staircase, keep things simple.

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