



Modern Classic

Last renovated back in the 70s, this home needed the expert touch, and fast.

When this family of four commissioned Rylo to transform their home, they knew they wanted a home that would grow as they grew, offering a decadent space for entertaining while still embodying a familial, colourful feel with an international flavour. "The family living in the house was growing out of it very fast," explains Lauren, designer behind the project; her husband, Ryan, was responsible for the build. "We wanted to pay homage to the history of the little cottage but keep it current and in the 21st century."

The Rylo touch means designing and working on a project from the beginning – and as a young family themselves, they perfectly understood just what needed to be done to transform the home. As timber renovation specialists, too, it simply enhanced the end result: a home whose quaint façade belies its new light-filled, airy, expansive indoors.

Inspiration came from the family's global adventures, an intoxicating sense of colour injected through furniture and art gleaned from travels near and far. The furniture was, indeed, what inspired Ryan's build; rooms needed to fit these pieces and showcase them beautifully.

An exposed beam ceiling was a must-have from the start, in addition to glorious entertaining areas such as a large deck and an open kitchen-living-dining area. Colour schemes were easy for Lauren to implement – the owner's love for light internal spaces, and the home's classic exterior, meant a monochrome scheme was the optimum choice. "It was just understood between us from the start that the house was going to be white with a small amount of black accents on the outside in keeping with the original cottage," says Lauren. "The owners wanted a light and bright inside." The home was designed to be

a celebration of modernity and classicism; Lauren hunted for the luxuries of the modern age through her quality suppliers while complimenting the owner's vintage items to blend old with new.

The finished result of this enormous renovation is a beautiful home which takes advantage of every addition it has gained. It's an exquisite result, set to see this family through the years ahead with the effortless panache that is Rylo's trademark.

From the outside this might seem like your average cottage. Thanks to Rylo's touch, it's so much more.



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