





EDITOR'S FAVE

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DETAILS

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tudio Esar's transformation of the Mt Martha Residence epitomises seaside sophistication and contemporary flair. Drawing from the Mornington

Peninsula's natural palette, the studio has reinvigorated the home with thoughtful design choices and high-quality materials, creating a light, warm and layered interior that feels both luxurious and inviting.

Upon entering the residence, visitors are greeted by a rhythmic blend of herringbone timber floors and shiplaplined walls. This textural combination sets the tone for the tactile journey that follows. The timber flooring seamlessly continues onto the split-level staircase, leading to the upper living areas and lower-level bedrooms. The inclusion of new timber battens filters natural light beautifully, enhancing the openness of the stairway and ground-floor landing.





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The Fior di Pesco marble benchtops, with their exquisite apricot and brown undertones, are a standout feature that ties the entire kitchen together beautifully



In the open-plan kitchen, dining and living spaces on the upper level, the absence of window furnishings maximises natural light and frames the breathtaking ocean views. This deliberate design choice allows the new joinery and overall design to be the focal points of the space. Extending the kitchen beyond the central column housing the microwave and coffee machine has created a more cohesive and functional area, serving as a beautiful backdrop for both everyday living and entertaining.

The kitchen's standout feature is the Fior di Pesco marble used for the benchtops, splashback, island and rangehood. Its subtle apricot and brown tones harmonise perfectly with the warm pink hues of the herringbone floors and the soft-white two-pack joinery. The fluted timber wall behind the shelves not only adds texture and rhythm, but also cleverly conceals a redundant highlight window. To soften the space, curves have been introduced to the island benchtop and the landing wall, easing transitions and balancing the angular lines typical of early 2000s architecture.

Studio Esar has successfully transformed this Mt Martha residence into a stunning contemporary home, merging coastal inspiration with sophisticated design details. The result is a space that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing, providing a warm and inviting environment for the homeowners. •