



This page, clockwise from left: the redesigned kitchen, at rear, with Maryann, Stella and Tom in the informal lounge; an oil painting bought at Geoffrey Hatty Applied Arts; and Maryann's favourite room, the study, with its Lindsey Adelman light from New York.



URBAN ELEGANCE

An inner-city Melbourne couple with an adventurous sense of style takes some professional advice to transform their home into something truly special.

For Maryann and Mohan Jesudason, what began as a small-scale cosmetic update to their new home rapidly became a considerable renovation project. "On the day we moved in two years ago, I pulled down the old curtains in the front rooms," says Maryann. "But as I trawled through endless fabric samples, I worried I was going to make an expensive mistake."

The couple enlisted the help of interior designers Hecker Guthrie, initially seeking fabric and furnishings advice for the five-bedroom, 1930s home in Melbourne's inner-east. However, the relationship was so successful that further structural projects were undertaken, including a redesign of the kitchen, laundry and powder room.

"Maryann and Mohan already had a sizeable collection of furniture and art," says Simone Haag of Hecker Guthrie. "We advised them on which existing pieces would work as well as the additional furnishings that would create an atmosphere that reflected their personalities."

The home is now an elegant, clean-lined space perfect for this family of five (the couple have three children, *Stella, 6, Ruby, 4, and Tom, 2*). "We love the space it provides for the kids, and that it has loads of light", says Maryann. "But it's the study I love the best – the light by New York designer Lindsey Adelman is a real stand-out."



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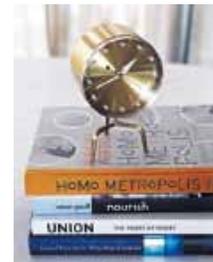
Left: a topiary garden and hedged path frame the stately facade.
Right: in the entry foyer, chairs from Nicholas & Alistair antiques frame an artwork by Richard Allen.
Below: in the remodelled powder room, an Anastasia Wiltshire portrait hangs above a hand basin by Italian design firm Agape.
Below right: details in the study.



the cushion



the clock



Above: the sitting room chairs were re-covered to complement the new home.
Right: wooden bird bought at Husk in Hawksburn.
Far right: this taxidermy red stag has travelled everywhere with the family and always holds a spot above the fireplace.



the chair



steal the look

House of Orange cushion, \$60, house-of-orange.com.au. Vitra clock, \$590, from Space Furniture, spacefurniture.com.au. Cherner armchair in walnut, \$1,921, from FY2K, fy2k.com.au.