

# PERSONAL *space*

FIXED FEATURES DIDN'T HAMPER THIS ENSUITE DESIGN, WHICH HINTS AT ITS HARBOURSIDE LOCATION

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## Designer's tip

"We wanted the floor to stand out, so we opted for a feature tile and added a border," explains Jodie of the Vulcano Tiles 'Thassos' basketweave flooring, framed with 'Cielo C' subways, both sourced from Di Lorenzo Tiles. "The basketweave tiles were chosen for their subtle blue dots, with the colour accentuated by the perimeter."

When retirees Xin and Hong enlisted interior designer Jodie Carter to transform their 1890s home on Sydney's Lower North Shore, it was always going to be an epic project, spanning multiple levels and several years. "It involved a complete gut and interior renovation, which included a private ensuite for Hong," explains Jodie. "The home's raked ceiling and existing windows meant the layout couldn't be changed, so we had to look for other ways to make it feel more open." Jodie designed a shower nook and bespoke joinery to suit the petite proportions, nodding to the harbour setting with soft blues.

Carrara marble and classic subways boost the feel-good effects of natural light. Brass fixtures, such as a Kelly Wearstler 'Rousseau' vanity scone from Bloomingdales Lighting, coupled with Milli 'Pure' tapware from Reece, add warmth. "It's changed from a draughty old bathroom to a gorgeous personal retreat," says Hong. "It's beautiful and practical."

## Source book

**Interior design:** Jodie Carter Design, [jodicarterdesign.com.au](http://jodicarterdesign.com.au).  
**Joinery:** In Vogue Kitchens & Joinery, [invoguekitchens.com.au](http://invoguekitchens.com.au).  
**Builder:** Quay Building & Design, [quaybuilding.com.au](http://quaybuilding.com.au).

## Crucial details

Jodie designed the mirrored cabinet, crafted by In Vogue Kitchens & Joinery, to include storage, power points and LED lighting. Beneath it, the vanity adds extra space for toiletries. "We paired a thin Shaker profile in Dulux Sky Painting, topped with classic honed Carrara marble," says Jodie of the natural stone sourced from Arciuli.

## Style notes

"Building a half-wall alongside the shower created the perfect nook to install the vanity and mirror so the spaces were separated," shares Jodie. A shower seat topped in Carrara marble adds sophisticated comfort. >