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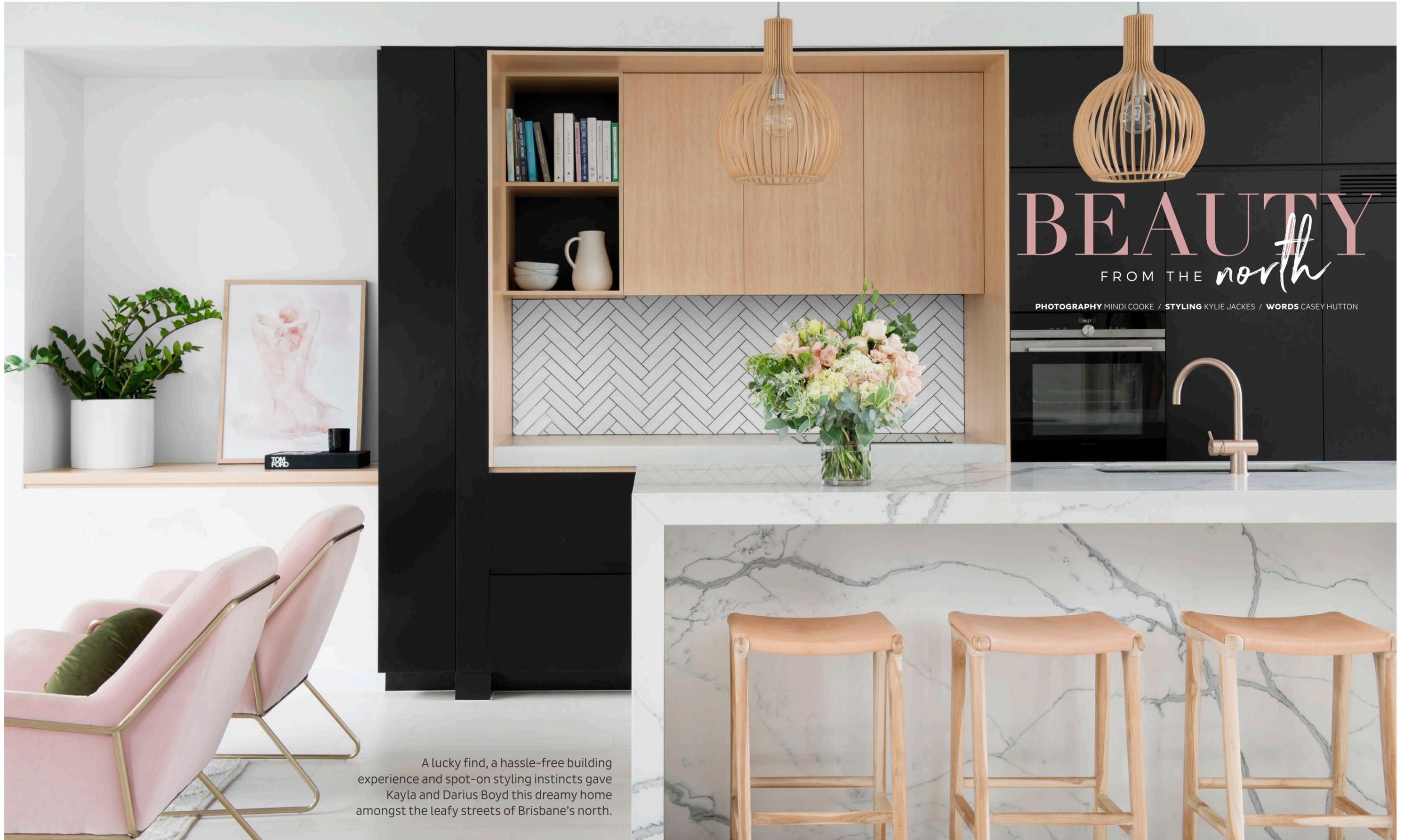
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HOME TOURS

Escape to interiors heaven with
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BEAUTY

FROM THE *north*

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A lucky find, a hassle-free building experience and spot-on styling instincts gave Kayla and Darius Boyd this dreamy home amongst the leafy streets of Brisbane's north.



KITCHEN "Having a black kitchen was a must for us – it makes such an impact without being overbearing. The kitchen is the hub of our home – it's where we do a lot of entertainin' – and all of the elements incorporated work so well in this home. It's functional and very practical for a family. It has everything you need without being overdone," remarks Kayla.

Stools from MRD Home; Sussex 'Scala' tap in brushed rose gold from Reece; Statuario Venato island bench top from Smartstone; concrete bench top from Concrete Nation; herringbone tiles from Stone and Tile Studio; pendant lights from Beacon; flowers from White Havana.

"The only musts were an all-black timber family home – with light timber elements and a void or two," Kayla Boyd says of the laidback brief that she and her husband, Brisbane Broncos captain Darius Boyd, gave to their architect and builder.

The resulting home ticks all the boxes, with its striking black exterior tempered by warm timber tones. Swathes of glass reflect the Queensland sky and the lush green and scarlet of the neighbourhood's trademark poinciana trees.

The couple were keen to build in one of the established northside suburbs that border two of Brisbane's iconic horse racing venues. Having found a property – a nondescript, post-war home in Hendra – and been given the green light by their architects, Base Architecture, Kayla wasted no time in securing it.

Darius was away at State of Origin camp at the time, and hadn't viewed the block. "It was one of those rare opportunities," Kayla says, "and I am so glad I got it over the line before we missed out."

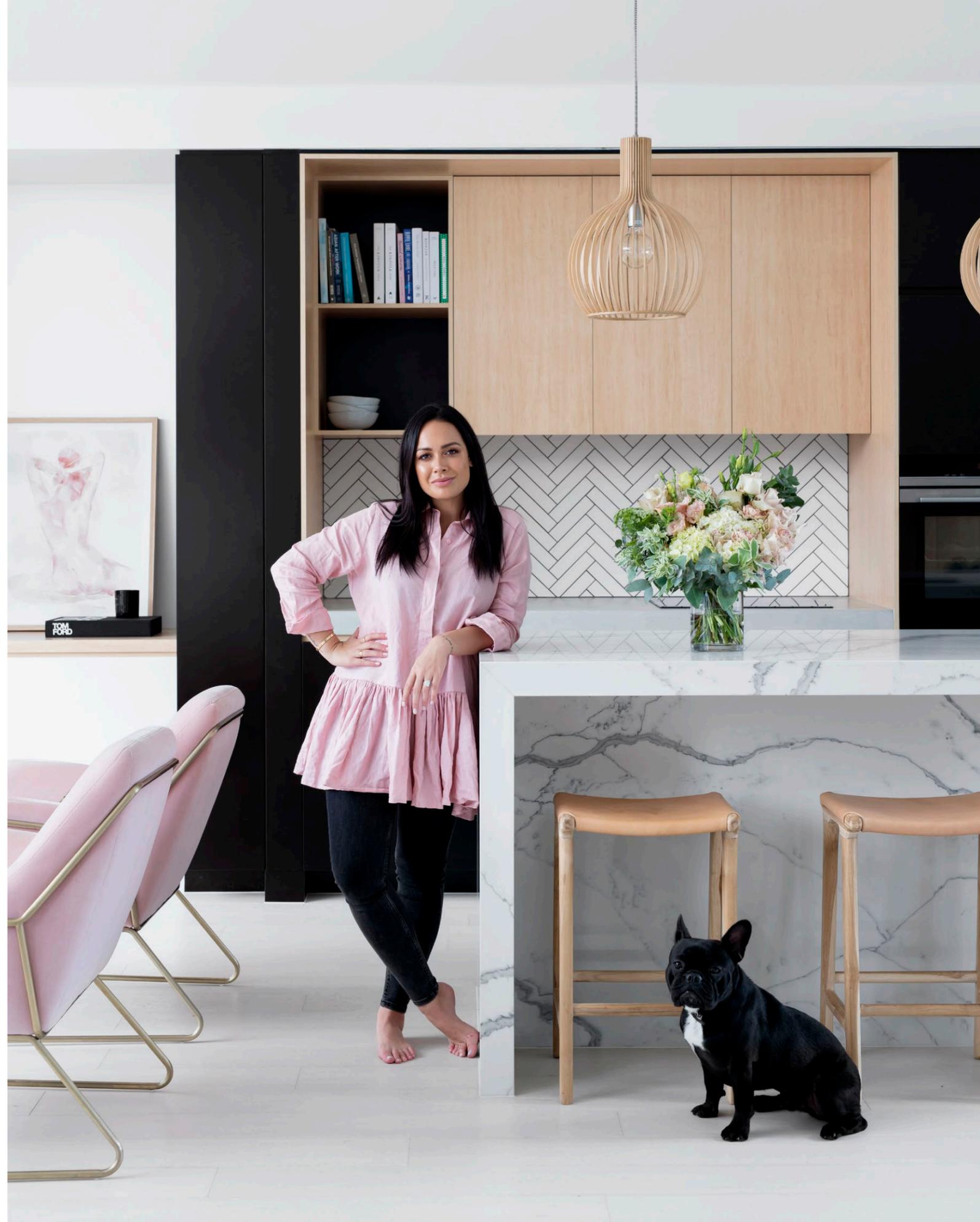
After an easy seven-and-a-half-month build, during

which they extensively reworked the existing house, Kayla, Darius and their toddler, Willow, settled into their new home in July 2017. The building process was "smooth sailing", according to Kayla. "We had Graya Construction involved very early on. You hear so many horror stories, but our build with Graya was an enjoyable experience for us."

Kayla's work as an ambassador and lifestyle blogger, along with Darius's football schedule, keeps this family busier than most. Their home functions both as a calming family oasis and a perfect space for entertaining, indoors and out.

The building's design captures plenty of natural light, and its minimal, functional styling choices give it an airy, unfussy elegance. "I love light, lots of glass, and earthy tones with a simple touch of warmth," Kayla says.

The couple chose not to work with an interior designer – Kayla took on the massive job herself. Pragmatic Scandinavian-inspired simplicity is peppered with bohemian flourishes and personal treasures: "I selected all of the finishings, colours, materials, features, and so on. I feel extremely proud to be able to say this home is a complete reflection of me and my personal style." >



DINING Chairs from Barnaby Lane; table from Harpers Project; rug from Lounge Lovers; pendant light from Beacon Lighting; art by Kimberly Rowe.



LIVING ROOM "The living room is my favourite room in the house. It's my calm, my Zen space, with copious natural light flooding through from the void and views to the pool. It's got a warm, whimsical feel when you're relaxed out on the couch, and entertaining guests. When we open up the sliding doors, the indoors flow seamlessly out to the backyard," says Kayla.

Sofa, armchairs and green cushions from Freedom; cushions on sofa from Onyx & Smoke; elephant print and flowers from White Havana; coffee table from GlobeWest; rug from Tribe Home; pot and stand from Arc & Family.

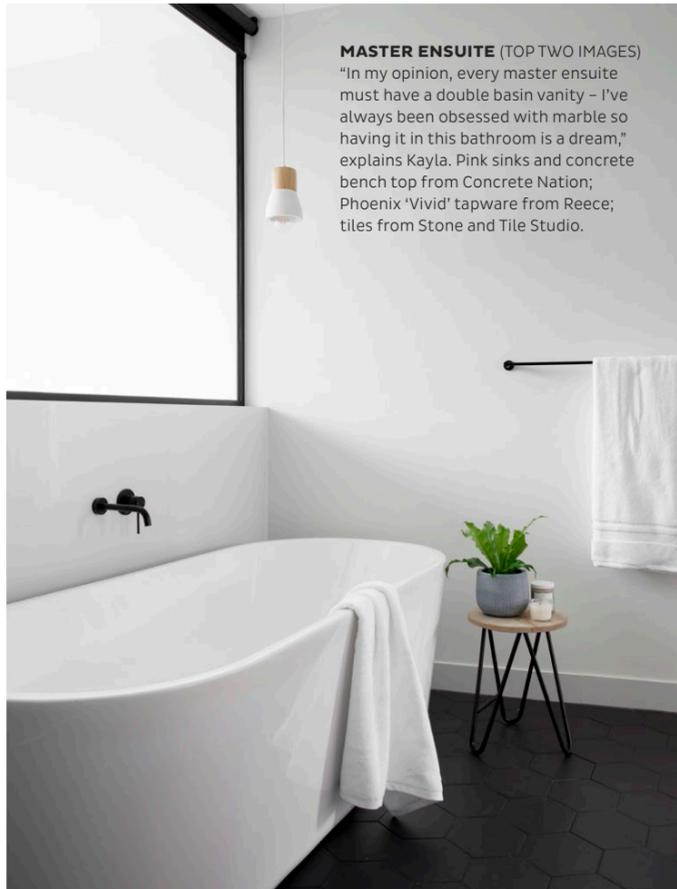
< The living room is the family's favourite spot. The overhead void floods it with daylight, and the pool behind Kayla's beloved white sofa ("It's huge - truly big enough for an entire family") throws tranquil blue reflections into the space. "We wanted the pool to be in the middle of the house. We love that you're able to view it from spaces internally," she explains.

A double-height wall in the dining area is home to a painting by American artist Kimberly Rowe. Kayla fell in love with the work after a gallery loaned it to her for a shoot, so she purchased it afterwards. "I am so grateful, because she sits perfectly in our home. It's a piece I will take with me wherever we go."

For Kayla, the process of styling the home came naturally: "Seeing it all fall into place was very rewarding." In fact, the entire build was such a smooth experience that the Boyds are keen to do it all over again, in the future. Adds Kayla, "We know we could do another - even smarter and better - next time around."







MASTER ENSUITE (TOP TWO IMAGES)
"In my opinion, every master ensuite must have a double basin vanity - I've always been obsessed with marble so having it in this bathroom is a dream," explains Kayla. Pink sinks and concrete bench top from Concrete Nation; Phoenix 'Vivid' tapware from Reece; tiles from Stone and Tile Studio.

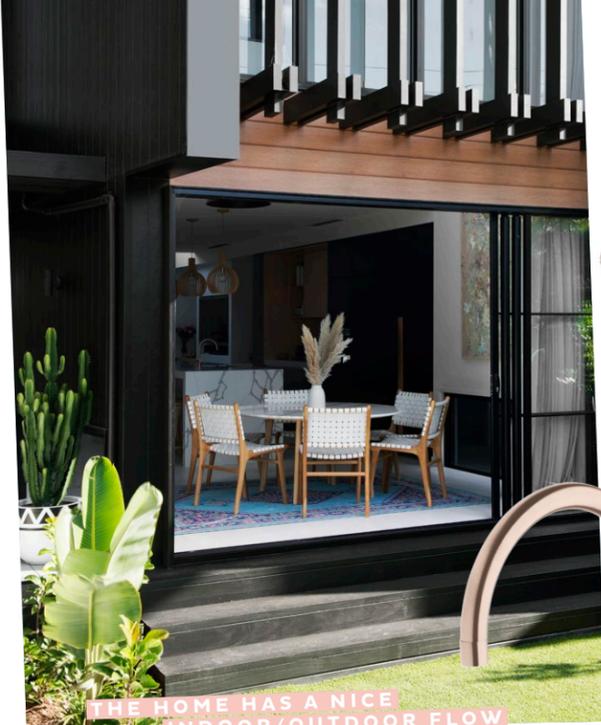


GUEST BATHROOM "The handmade Moroccan-inspired floor tiles from Jatana are my favourite tiles in our entire home," says Kayla. Phoenix 'Vivid' tapware from Reece; penny rounds and subway tiles from Stone and Tile Studio.

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Pretty in pink

MASTER SANCTUARY "Our bedroom is our sanctuary - our very own retreat. It's not the largest master but we've utilised the space to perfection by keeping it minimalist, yet functional, and avoiding clutter by keeping the wardrobe and storage separate from the sleeping oasis," says Kayla. Bed from Freedom; pendant lights from Beacon; side table from Clickon furniture; rug from Lounge Lovers; bedding, throw and cushions from Adairs; flowers from White Havana.





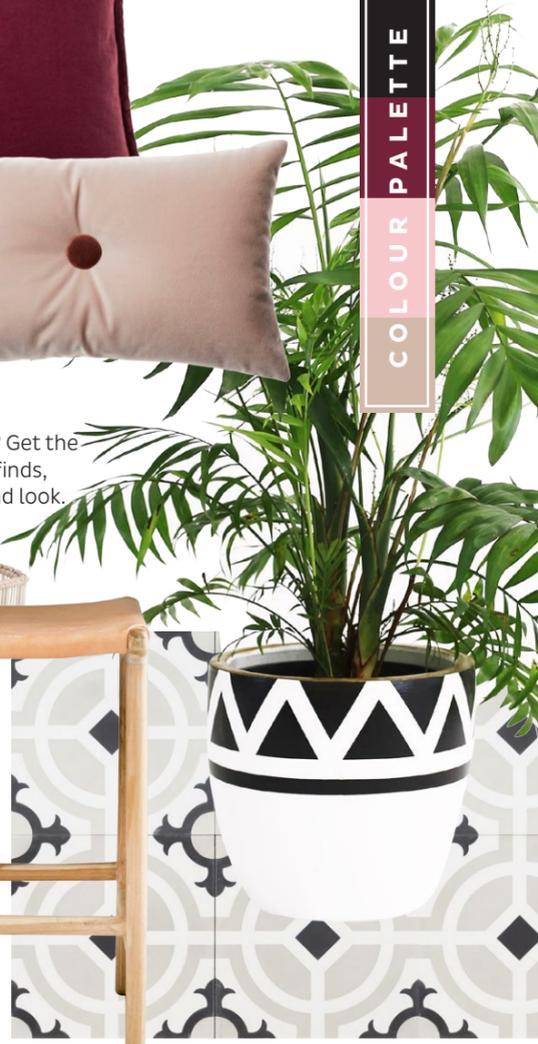
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