



*Over the years Original architectural detailing has been retained in this 1880s former boarding house. Lofty ceilings and honey-toned timber flooring add warmth to the voluminous space, punctuated by shots of colour in upholstery, rugs and artwork. Owned by a family of four, the gracious home now blends 19th-century elements with a very modern aesthetic – the vintages melding smoothly throughout the house.*

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# IN DETAIL

ideas from the Melbourne home

## → behind closed doors

Scrupulous planning is obvious in the kitchen and dining areas of the home. To minimise mess in the kitchen during social occasions, the owners requested a concealed wet bar positioned at the far end of the dining room. A sink, dishwasher and bar fridge were installed, while open shelving provides easy access to glasses and beverages. Cleaning up after a dinner party is a breeze, with the Fisher & Paykel dishwasher going into action behind closed sliding doors. For continuity, the grey brick-format tiles are mimicked throughout the house – in the bathrooms and laundry and as a kitchen splashback behind the cooktop. When designing a wet bar, ensure power points are well organised to accommodate the lighting and appliances, including fridge, dishwasher and blender. A wine cellar was also included in the scheme, but was removed to one end of the separate scullery.



## 3 really great

### FLOOR LIGHTS

← Flexibility and streamlined form are key elements when it comes to standard lamps. In this home, Flos 'Kelvin F' (the now discontinued floor lamp that was designed by Antonio Citterio and Toan Nguyen and used in the master bedroom) and 'Tolomeo Mega Terra' floor lights have dual and multi joints, making their light sources flexible. For pure elegance, the 'Spun' lamp, which occupies a corner of the dining room, works as a strong accent and proves an ideal adjunct to the pendants, together providing excellent illumination.

1. Flos 'Spun' by Sebastian Wrong, \$2865.90, from Euroluce, (02) 9380 6222. 2. Louis Poulsen 'AJ Floor' by Arne Jacobsen, \$1775, from Cult, 1300 768 626. 3. 'Tolomeo Mega Terra' by Michele De Lucchi and Giancarlo Fassina, \$1750, from Artemide, 1300 135 709.

↓ **SINK-IN FEELING** In the living room, 'Le Bambole' sofas (from \$6,340, from Space) have a soft, sinuous feel, as do the 'Fat Fat' tables by Patricia Urquiola. Nexus Designs reupholstered a much-loved, but decidedly tired, club chair in Chivasso 'Metamorphosis' fabric, POA, available from Unique Fabrics. B&B Italia 'Fat Fat' and 'Fat Fat – Lady Fat' (right) coffee tables by Patricia Urquiola, from \$2010 each, from Space, call (02) 8339 7588.



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