



## *Relaxed elegance*

Pleasing on the eye and inviting is just the way stylist Robyn Hawke likes it. Here she creates a functional space that is oh so chic.

For this project the concept was 'relaxed elegance'. As a young family, the clients wanted a contemporary look which was liveable – so the design had to be unpretentious, but at the same time elegant and inviting. They wanted to be able to watch TV as well as entertain in the space.

The bamboo flooring is Distressed Forest Red, the kitchen is Jarrah, and the tiles in the foyer also feature this colour – the aim here was to mimic similar tones throughout the house. Bamboo was the chosen material as it did not need to be seasoned in the home before laying; also traditional floorboards are much thicker and would've sat higher than the tiles.

For the furniture a streamlined, no-fuss leather modular sofa was chosen as the room couldn't cope with a busy pattern. A glass coffee table was selected to create the illusion of space and to allow the stunning floor rug to be fully appreciated.

The colours were dictated by the existing wall colour and the need to keep it simple. The deep warmth of the red-toned floorboards provide a perfect canvas to showcase the lines of the lounge and the detail of the rug as well as provide an anchoring feel to the room.

The red in the cushions tie the artwork in and add a splash of colour to the lounge area. All the colours used have warm undertones to create a sense of cosiness, so the end result is an inviting and functional living area.

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