

When you're working with such compact dimensions, you have to make every centimetre work.' MATT GIBSON, ARCHITECT



BEFORE

What they did

THE BRIEF

To create a home that had a Bali-style resort feel that was also easy to live in and maintain.

KEY FEATURES

Replacing french doors with bifolds has opened up the main living area, giving the family additional living space without adding to the footprint. A mirrored feature wall behind the new outdoor dining area creates the illusion of more space.

WHAT IT COST

About \$250,000.

SAVE

The couple saved money by replacing the home's damaged floating pine floor with recycled mesquite, sourced from a local stables by Urban Salvage.

SPLURGE

Andrew says the extensive use of mirrors was a major cost in this renovation.

HOMEOWNERS' TOP TIPS

✪ Be open to your architect's ideas.

✪ Lighting, both natural and artificial,

is important when you're reworking

a terrace. Here, mirrors brought both

light and sense of space.

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The outdoor dining area's emphasis on timber, lush plantings and openness is reminiscent of a tropical pavilion. The dining setting, from Remarkable Furniture, is set on a raised yellow stringybark timber deck. The pergola is made of salvaged blackbutt from Urban Salvage. Cushions from Diane Bergeron Interiors. Bowls from Safari Living. For Where to Buy, see page 248.

