

Winner
Residential Design

Designer
YSG

Budge Over Dover



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Design statement —
A sculptural aesthetic defines this home with balanced proportions seamlessly integrating the outdoors with the indoors on both levels of this coastal dwelling. Swathes of soothing colour flow from textured walls into ceilings. What was previously a warren of dark rooms and hallways has been transformed into a family sanctuary. At the client's request, angular, stark features were removed, including aluminium door and window frames and heavy veneer finishes. The central dining room's walls were demolished and the ceiling raised in the kitchen and living area in order to link the oddly configured spaces. This enabled easy supervision of the couple's youngest children (including a crawler) and natural light to flow throughout the spaces. Gently rounded edges were requested to soften features, including arched walkways and doors, banquette seating in the living area tracing a curved wall, and a hemp-rendered fireplace with an integrated seating perch and bookshelf.



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Design practice —
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Photography —
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Jury comment —

Budge Over Dover is a beautiful project that displays a consistency between the interior design and styling that reveals complete unity of big picture ideas. The jury especially commended the designer for showing great skill in working with the existing building fabric, which resulted in a radical transformation that never battles against the original structure, but instead feels completely natural and effortless.

The exquisite palette of materials, colours, textures and accents uniquely responds to the client's brief without relying on a conventional vernacular and the result is completely unexpected, while still being restrained and elegant. A sculptural aesthetic defines the overall scheme and there's also a clear relationship to the exterior, resulting in a seamless integration between inside and out. This is a lovely way to treat the home's spaces, highlighting the interior's exceptional proportions in the process.



Winner
Residential Decoration

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Design statement —
Honed with an artisanal energy that celebrates whimsy and functionality, this hard-edged freestanding coastal house was transformed into a tactile haven. Celebrating nuanced colour and sculptural forms, Budge Over Dover features highly customized finishes and furnishings, nooks for respite and open areas that enhance interaction between inside and out. The clients wished to create a fresh start in their newly purchased home. Almost all the furnishings were custom-designed and purchased to imbue a nurturing, sculptural atmosphere thanks to myriad rounded elements and abundant natural materials. The entire house is steeped in craftsmanship, with the indelible mark of artisans found on almost every hard surface – from the shimmering strokes of the marmorino plaster walls and ceilings and the grainy finishes on the hemp-rendered fireplace, to the brusque caramel borders on the nursery walls.



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This project overwhelmingly shows a confidence in the selection and curation of objects and furnishings. Its otherwise unremarkable floor plan has been elevated through a genuinely creative process, giving rise to a striking yet restrained colour approach. More importantly, it looks like an authentic interior, not one that's been styled for a photoshoot, and so presents as a highly personalized response to the client's brief.

The jury found the seamless integration between decoration and interior very appealing and was impressed with the innovative material palette, which is unexpected yet warm and inviting. Finishes complement the overall scheme and the contrasting bedroom treatments also add drama and elements of surprise. The attention to detail is outstanding and the art and furniture call attention to the home's handcrafted qualities, while highly textural surfaces lend it a rich, sensual appeal.