



# plan of action

A tweaked floor plan, new storage and a monochrome redux turned this Sydney terrace into a spacious, serene home loved by the couple who live here

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## cheat sheet

**Who lives here** Ben, who works in FinTech; his wife Sarah, a lawyer; and their puppy, Luna.

**Style of home** A two-bedroom 1890s terrace in Paddington, Sydney, with a new, contemporary scheme.

**🕒** Interior designer Jillian Dinkel was hired in July 2017 and renovations began in June 2018. The owners moved back in 3 months later.

**💰** The cost of the renovation was \$215,000 (excluding furniture).



**KITCHEN** New marble surfaces from Euro Marble have a calming effect on the space. The cabinetry is by Jillian Dinkel Designs, installed by Madden Bespoke Interiors. Appliances, Fisher & Paykel. Silhouette wall light, Ross Gardam.

**DINING AREA** Leaning on the Zuster 'Halo Console', a limited-edition framed print from Blacklist pulls the focus. Parachilna 'Abalis' table lamp, Ke-zu.



before





**BATHROOM (this page and opposite)**  
Handmade subway wall tiles and terrazzo floor tiles from Surface Gallery add a low-key elegance to the shower. Astra Walker brass tapware works in beautifully with the Dyad wall sconce (above the vanity) from Apparatus Studio. Simple white bathtub, Reece. Vase, Zakkia.



## GREAT FINDS

### next round

Contemporary black and white pieces in shapely geometric forms are easy to find and simple to style



**FROM LEFT** Sloan Cross marble table, \$2690, GlobeWest. Parachilina 'Aballs' table lamp, from \$1474, Ke-zu. Apparatus 'Censer' candleholder/incense burner, \$1595, Criteria Collection. Kelly Wearstler 'Cleo' floor lamp, \$3190, The Montauk Lighting Co. Gubi 'Ronde' pendant, \$690, Cult.

ADDITIONAL PRODUCT SOURCING: NATALIE JOHNSON



## LESSONS LEARNT

### "Not going for it can cost you more in the long term"

BEN, HOMEOWNER

"We tried to buy our first home during the Sydney price explosion of 2015 and 2016 and got gazumped on the first house we bid on in late 2015 by only \$5000, right before prices started to skyrocket. At the time, we thought prices would steady but we were wrong. It took us 12 months to finally buy a place and by that time prices had gone up 40 per cent."