



To link the kitchen and terrace, Sue chose floor tiles in the same shade as the decking. The chair cushions are upholstered in Mavromac's new range of outdoor fabrics, the jug is from @home and the plates and napkins from MRP Home.



THIS PAGE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: ● The custom-made shelves and cabinetry feature oak and aluminium tubing. The ceramicware is by Lissa Claassens and the succulents are from Bungalow Living. ● Sue designed the bench with space under the seat for storing the wood pellets for the fire. The light fittings are from Spain.



Inside out

By moving the kitchen to the original living area and opening it up to the terrace, Sue Lloyd-Roberts (pictured) turned it into the perfect entertaining area

When a room just doesn't work, it's worth considering moving it to another part of the house. In the case of this Cape Town home, the owner decided to move the kitchen to the original living room to take advantage of the access to the garden. She asked Sue Lloyd-Roberts of Mint Designer Renovations to make it happen and give it a lighter, brighter look.

To give the impression of light and space, Sue designed a new butterfly roof that soars upwards on either side of a central spine. This allowed them to install long, narrow windows just

below the ceiling. "As well as bringing in more light, these windows reveal views of the treetops and the lush surrounds," says Sue.

The small sliding door was replaced with a five-panel stacking version that runs the length of the room and opens onto a decked terrace. For the kitchen, Sue chose large-format porcelain tiles in the same light grey as the deck so that the flooring flows seamlessly outdoors.

She placed the kitchen, which has light oak and white cabinets, on one side of the spine. On the other side, is a dining area with a built-in banquette and timber table separated by a raised counter, which keeps any prep hidden when entertaining.

To create a focal point, Sue painted the far wall in a deep blue-grey. "It's a dramatic shade that adds a pleasing contrast

and highlights the design of the ceiling," says Sue. It also offsets the owner's favourite painting.

In winter, a woodburning stove keeps the kitchen cosy, and in summer it takes on a breezy café feel when the doors are opened. "It's lovely to have a cup of coffee here in the morning, taking in the view of the garden. And, while the area is sheltered, it still has a sense of being outdoors, which makes it perfect for entertaining," says the owner. **GH**

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