

# Stainless fits with chrome

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Neither Dee nor her husband are big fans of bathtubs, so the ensuite includes an enormous glass-enclosed shower. The shower's large door slides sideways to save space.

Sydney also sourced lighting for one of the couple's favourite spaces — the main-floor kitchen. Over the granite-topped island, stainless steel and smoked glass pendants complement the laser-cut chrome and crystal fixture in the adjoining glassed-in eating nook. This is where Dee likes spreading out to cook Italian and Greek cuisine, but readily admits her mom cooked amazing meals in a fraction of the space.

Stainless steel appliances, including a wine cooler and double oven, tie in beautifully with the rectangular chrome pulls on the maple cabinetry. Despite enjoying the contemporary look, Dee says she wouldn't choose stainless steel again, because of the way it draws fingerprints and water spots.

The couple often dines at the kitchen island, or on the couch in the cosy adjoining family room. Dee says this area posed design challenges because they entertain regularly, and didn't want the television to be the focal point. With Sydney's help, they designed an entertainment console and feature wall of stained walnut veneer. Along with providing a backdrop for the TV, its display bench is reinforced to double as seating. Large, dramatic silver vases bookend the space.

One of Dee's husband's favourite places is the full gym in the airy raised basement. The space includes a guest bedroom and second media area, and a small kitchen allows visitors to make themselves at home.

Dee credits Effect for making the process of coming full circle as seamless as possible.

"It's perfect for us," she says.

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Instead of a bath, the master ensuite has a large shower with a glass door that slides sideways to save space.



A small second kitchen is an added convenience for visitors in the basement guest room.



The rear patio creates a pleasant space for gardening, although it's only sprouted tomatoes so far.

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