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Transformation sets scene for a new decade

Finding a place to call home for the next 10 years was at the top of Suzie Major's priority list a year ago. Within two months she managed to find the perfect two-bedroom apartment for herself and her son, Henry, 8, to grow into and live in comfortably. The ground-floor apartment in a private corner of the iconic Winchcombe Carson Woolstore building in Teneriffe ticked all the boxes – it was big, bright, old and full of character and connected to a private courtyard.

"I wanted to look outside and see green. It just helps you get away from the hectic New Farm lifestyle," she says.

But the apartment itself needed a lot of love. Its previous owner had leased it out to a stream of tenants for about 20 years before Suzie came along. She recognised its potential immediately and after signing on the dotted line engaged interior designer Georgia Cannon to help breathe new life into the well-trodden and neglected space.

As a busy mum and the director of her own business, Major Recruitment, on nearby James St, Suzie was keen to save time and get the most out of her new habitat by leaving the job to the professionals. She invited Georgia to the Art Deco apartment in New Farm where she was living before the move for Georgia to get a feel for how she and Henry lived.

"I didn't want the perfect show home. I just wanted it to be an expression of us," she says.

Living in London, India and Noosa has contributed to Suzie's eclectic style. She showed Georgia clippings from magazines and identified existing pieces around the home



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EARTHY AND FUN ... Suzie Major (above) loves the new vibe in the Teneriffe apartment she shares with her young son. **PHOTOGRAPHS** - Cathy Schuster



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that she wanted to incorporate into the new space. These included the tan Chesterfield couch and Zanotta butterfly coffee table in the living room, her grandmother's desk in the hallway and treasured artworks collected over the years.

Above all, Suzie wanted her new home to feel earthy and fun.

In Henry's bedroom, an acrobatic swing was hung over the bed and a reading nook built into a corner of the room. Shelves for books and toys were custom-made to double as steps up to the bedroom window looking out on to the street – the perfect spot for people-watching.

Working with the apartment's soaring three-metre-high ceilings, Suzie and Georgia aimed to maximise storage space in the various rooms. A milky white colour scheme was chosen for the walls, ceilings and wide timber pillars to reflect light throughout the apartment. Sheer curtains in the living room and plantation shutters in the street-facing bedrooms and television room let light into the space.

A big dining table between the living room and kitchen is where family and friends gather

and the kids eat ice blocks after swimming in the communal pool just beyond the courtyard.

Suzie says Georgia convinced her to make bolder decisions when it came to certain design choices, such as opting for a darker couch and carpet over creamy tones in the TV room. "I'm so happy with it. White isn't very practical and the room feels much richer and warmer," Suzie says.

Suzie and Henry lived in the apartment during the six-month conversion, moving out for a week during the kitchen installation.

High benches were incorporated to accommodate Suzie's tall stature, likely to be matched by Henry in coming years.

Living in an apartment with no garage and limited storage space means keeping things relatively tidy and getting creative with how to display items around the home. Two baskets of pool toys sit on the floor near the sliding doors and Henry's bright yellow surfboard doubles as a sculpture in the hallway.

"Our home is a sanctuary away from work and school and sport. It's pretty easy to de-stress here," Suzie says.

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