



design, it's not a drawback. Plenty of cupboards and storage space keep the spaces clutter-free.

Although Michelle had carte blanche with regard to the interior decor, her approach was informed

by a few practical and personal considerations: The entire living space had to be guest-friendly. As Nick is an enthusiastic entertainer, it was important to ensure a flow from the indoor to the outdoor living areas. The couple also have a toddler, whose busyness had to be borne in mind. And, as Nick is not a fan of carpeting, they installed timber flooring throughout.

They both wanted to avoid the cliché of a 'shabby chic' beach house, and went with a simple, elegant look. The palette is predominantly white and neutral, with a nod to the seaside nature of the suburb in the occasional splashes of cobalt, aquamarine and turquoise.

The couple didn't want to complicate the interiors with artwork, but one spectacular piece by Australian-based artist Catherine Taylor makes all the art statement one could need. To