

GRAND DESIGNS AUSTRALIA

Inspiring you to create your dream home

PETER MADDISON
ANSWERS YOUR
QUESTIONS

6th
edition



Inner Sanctum

**CLEAR THE CLUTTER WITH OUR
CLEVER STORAGE IDEAS**

70+

**PAGES OF TIPS & TECHNIQUES
INCLUDING PLANS AND IDEAS
TO GET THE LOOK**



**WHAT'S HOT
TROPICAL
SCULPTURAL
SUSTAINABLE**
WE'VE GOT
THIS SPRING'S
TRENDS COVERED

LET THERE BE LIGHT
WINDOWS & SKYLIGHTS TO SUIT EVERY HOME

**CREATE AN ECO-FRIENDLY INTERIOR
WITH SHAYNNA BLAZE**

PLUS: BATHROOMS | POOL TRENDS | TECHNOLOGY

Issue 2.3
AUS \$8.95*
NZ \$9.95
(Both incl. GST)



This space, designed by Tonka Andjelkovic, acts as a combined kitchen, dining and client meeting space



Kitchen designed by Tonka Andjelkovic

Bathroom designed by Tonka Andjelkovic

Rooms can have dual functions and are easily changed from day to night, particularly to enable the spaces to be used for both working and living

needs, providing a space that is suitable as both home and office. Some simple design devices have been used to create a space that can be adapted for both work and play, and rather than needing a space that is twice the size, Tonka is able to live and work efficiently.

The aesthetic of her home profiles what Tonka can achieve for her clients and embodies her own personal style. Furniture is modular and has

a dual purpose — the dining table doubles as a meeting table, where drawings can be laid out and plans discussed with clients. The kitchen and bathrooms have modern features, designed with a classic palette that includes ageless and enduring Carrara marble. The kitchen joinery houses a compact and efficient laundry area, and appliances have been selected for their quality and energy efficiency. Sheer curtains over sunscreen blinds let light in during the warmer months while blocking UV rays and in the cooler months they allow the sun to penetrate and warm the home, reducing the need for artificial heating and cooling. The office doubles as a guest room and includes a king single sofa bed that can be used for more informal client meetings or for when guests visit.

While none of these ideas are groundbreaking on their own, when combined this collection of practical and sensible space-saving solutions come together to make one highly efficient living and working environment that 'works hard' to serve its owner's personal and professional requirements.

Furniture designers and manufacturers have also started to consider how pieces can have a dual purpose and be designed for a range of functions.

DUAL ROLE

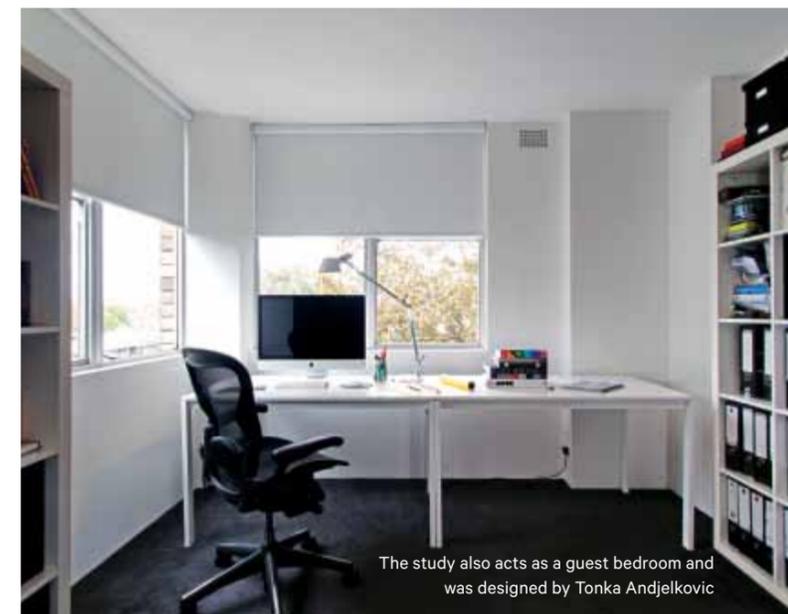
Creating spaces that are flexible and adaptable is a positive step towards sustainable living

■ WORDS / Angela Ferguson ■ APARTMENT PHOTOGRAPHY / Danial Nash

We live in an age of sustainability where the desire to reduce our environmental footprint is felt both by corporations and individuals. There are many ways this can be achieved — through recycling, using less energy and fewer resources, using bikes and public transport instead of cars and buying organic foods and local produce.

Another perhaps less obvious way of having a long-term, positive impact on the planet is through the habitation of smaller spaces by corporations, families and individuals; occupying businesses and homes that are more flexible and adaptable, have a smaller physical footprint and are able to perform a variety of uses depending on needs. From a residential perspective, homes that are more compact use less energy, can be easier to heat and cool and, by their very nature, have a reduced impact on the environment. New homes can be designed with their orientation, climate and scale in mind, and existing building stock can usually be renovated to suit the needs of the occupant at the same time as being considerate to the environment.

Tonka Andjelkovic, an interior designer in Sydney, recently renovated her own 75 square metre two-bedroom home in Sydney. Located in the inner city, the apartment faces south-east and was built in the 1950s, when scale (small) took priority and orientation and climate were rarely considered. As Tonka lives and works from home, the renovation was done to address both her professional and social



The study also acts as a guest bedroom and was designed by Tonka Andjelkovic