

In black & white

High fashion leaps from the catwalk to the home in the dramatic treatment of a Harold Park apartment by design duo Designers In the City.



THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The apartment is dressed in a chic black and white palette embellished with gleaming pops of gold accessories. A framed shot of Kate Moss hangs in the master bedroom above the Case Mia 'London' dresser. Custom curtains by BQ design. 'Cross Runner' bedspread by Kelly Hoppen. Evie Group 'Spun' light from Spence & Lyda. Vintage chair. OPPOSITE PAGE Bringing energy and elegance to the living room is *Dancer in the Dark* by Mark Hanham with one of a pair of vintage chairs covered in Villa Nova's dramatic 'Attis' velvet. Lending dazzle to the custom sofa by Designers In The City are cushions in Schumacher and Issie-Mae fabrics.



SONIA WARNER & JACINTA WOODS



GIVEN FREE REIN to theme this Mirvac apartment in a style inspired by the 90s, Jacinta Woods and Sonia Warner chose to pay homage to the supermodels, a nod to an era of glamour and the timeless beauty of the women who sold millions of magazine covers. The black and white palette is signature Designers In The City, given a playful twist with the occasional pop of colour and generous lashings of ghetto gold. They are the third of four designers to be featured in the *Belle-Mirvac Looking Back Moving Forward* series, in which leading Australian designers have been invited to express a decade in design as part of Belle's 40th birthday celebrations.

"We had ourselves in mind in designing this apartment," says Jacinta. "It was very much about creating a home that we would want to live in. There were so many movements in the 90s that you could focus on but the supermodel seemed appropriate because they are fabulous at any age."

That sentiment is expressed in the mix of highly contemporary pieces with ageless vintage items. Jacinta and Sonia picked up the wonderfully quirky vintage armchairs, recovering them in a striking black and white fabric. The dining chairs were found in an old apartment, the good bones masked by raw beechwood frames and blue and green tartan fabric. Resprayed in high gloss black and recovered in white, the chairs are a tribute to the transformative effect of an inspired makeover.



The fashion references are not confined to the 90s. The quilted black sofa references the classic black Chanel handbag while the pedestal under the dining table spells it out in gold. Gold elements play out on the coffee tables and lamps and a velvet vintage chair in the generous study nook.

The dramatic strip of black against the white walls is shadowed on window dressings. In the master bedroom, a black wall creates a sense of intimacy offset by the abundance of white elsewhere and custom bedheads and curtains. "The apartment is light and fresh and easy to work with but we were looking for something bold to anchor it," says Sonia. "The black strip is sophisticated but still fun. The overall effect is classic and tailored."

The balcony extends the space outdoors, with crisp Stylecraft chairs and lamps echoing the interiors. "It had to have the wow factor," says Jacinta.

Designers In The City created this display apartment in the newly opened Locarno precinct at Harold Park by Mirvac. When complete, Harold Park will include approximately 1250 terrace homes and apartments overlooking a future park forming part of a continuous 20 hectare green corridor leading to Sydney Harbour foreshore.



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THIS PAGE Anchoring the dining room is the Ever Harvest table with glamorous gold leaf base. Isaac & Jack artwork from Designer Boys. Tom Dixon vessel from De De Ce. OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The balcony leads off the living and dining space to create a generous entertaining space. The colour theme continues with replica 'Tank' floor lamps from Lucretia Lighting and 'Dublin' outdoor rug from LivingStyles. The guest bedroom wall is painted in Dulux 'Picturebook Green'. Adding to the restful ambience is Mark Hanham's *Nude in Repose*. 'Tub' chair from Casa Mia. Bed linen by Sheridan. The 'Rowan' chandelier hangs in the living room above the 'Avery' coffee table, both from Regency Distribution.

