



ABOVE: The owners required a homely yet sophisticated family home, and DH Architecture ensured that their dream was fulfilled through the finishing and detailing aspects and design of the house. The main focus was on the open-plan living areas and kitchen that connect to the outside spaces. The dramatic double curved staircase in the double-volume foyer was a specific request from the owners.

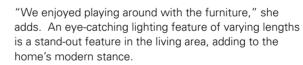
nduring a 10-month renovation was certainly worth it for this family of five. They set out to create their dream home in Helderberg, just outside Cape Town. "We were present during the renovation all the time and very hands on during the process, as my husband was the project manager," says the owner.

The family created a space that works for them. From the quirky children's rooms decorated in their favourite colours, with glittery candy walls and a car bed, to their funky entrance hall that the owner designed herself. "We wanted a unique area that would be something different on the eye," explains the owner. The owner's love of turquoise is also apparent, with a number of furniture pieces dressed in the colour's vibrancy.

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Art is a focal point in this hip home, with mother and daughter both being instrumental in this regard. "My daughter and I enjoy art as a hobby and we did most of the art ourselves," explains the owner.

A kitchen that has it all was also on the priority list as the owner cooks for her family seven days a week. "We are a traditional family and we eat at home every day," she says. Being big entertainers, the family's favourite spot to relax and unwind is the braai area.

Being close to the nature reserve, the family takes full advantage of all the area has to offer. "We enjoy walking up to the dam and we also love the fact that everything is so accessible, such as the school being 10 minutes away," the owner says.

A comfortable, fun family home in nature's realm. A dream for sure. >

RIGHT: The home owner wanted Fire and Gas to supply the largest built-in fireplace in their range, and that it be modern and stylish. The emphasis was on a fireplace that would be the focal point in the room and enhance its modern design. The result was the Nordica Monoblocco 1300 (1.3m wide) Piano Crystal with a push door.

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ABOVE: The brief received by Ceramica was for a luxurious, distinctive, on-trend finish incorporating dark hues with pop-up colour and a touch of bling. The company is an importer and distributer of unique and distinctive ceramic and porcelain wall and floor tiles. Ceramica supplied all the ceramic and porcelain tiles, including the ALSACIA CHARCOAL 907 x 907 format porcelain tile with a lappato (semi-polished) finish from the top Spanish producer, Peronda. They also supplied the internal, external and swimming pool mosaics for this trendy home.

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BELOW: The Moderno Duo Island bath is what the home owners chose for their stylish bathroom. In keeping with the latest European minimalistic trends, the straight lines of the Moderno Island bath complement the designs of the highest-end imported sanitaryware. The clean lines of the design evoke strong feelings of order and harmony. This bath is timeless in its beauty and unbeatable in its practicality.



