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CLEAN BREAK

7 This bathroom is situated in a 1920s Queenslander that has been lovingly and minimally altered. Wall studs and old paintwork have been left exposed to reveal what came before, while the new insertions are intentionally minimalistic.

SMITTEN "I love this room because it has an organic feel that complements the original house rather than overwhelming it," says the owner. "Best of all, the kids love putting their laundry down the 'periscope' chute, which is always a benefit!"

TRY THIS AT HOME An interior brimming with heritage character can be a renovator's best asset. With careful handling, original features and modern-day inclusions can coexist and create visual harmony.

FIVE-STAR FINESSE

8 The brief for the facelift of this four-bedroom Sydney home was for "an uncluttered interior, with practicality, function and comfort at the forefront", says Jodie Kingman. The owners, a couple with a young child, sought to create a hotel-style ambience in their bedroom. The results merge the modern with the classic.

SMITTEN "This room makes you feel you are on holidays, but it is also highly functional," says one of the owners. "The rich colours and textures create the high-end, opulent feel of a boutique hotel."

TRY THIS AT HOME Using a dark and graphic wallpaper creates an intimate, cosseting effect that's perfect in a bedroom. The studded bedhead and tailored bedding deliver hotel-style polish. >

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