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CALM COCOON

15 "Balance, proportion, and a sense of calm were the underlying qualities we aimed for in this family bathroom," says interior designer Shareen Joel of this project in Melbourne's south east.

Why it works "The space is both functional and inviting," says Shareen. The pale grey paints a serene scene and simple joinery hides ample storage so that the room remains peaceful and tidy. A combination of Carrara marble and glass mosaic tiles were the materials of choice and are used elsewhere in the house for a sense of flow.

Owners' verdict "We love this space! Every object has its own place, there is a balanced and calm feeling as you enter the bathroom."



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SMART CASUAL

16 The family wanted a formal sitting room that was elegant but not uptight in this eastern-Sydney home. It had to be suitable for entertaining while relating visually to the more relaxed living areas.

Why it works "Using a large traditional silk rug to define the space, we chose furniture and accent pieces to complement the beautifully detailed terrace doors. The landscape painting is hung on the same horizon line as the beachside horizon outside, enhancing the flow from interior to exterior," says interior designer Brendan Wong. Finely textured fabrics give a sense of sophistication.

Owners' verdict "We love the airiness of the room, which relates so well to the beach outside. The textures, shapes and artwork keep your eyes wandering no matter how familiar you are with the room." >



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