

NEW ORDER

Practical meets elegant in this highly organised dressing and storage zone.

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When Sydney couple Judi and Paul became empty nesters, they chose not to downsize. Instead, they took it as a cue to re-shape elements of their existing family home.

They enlisted interior architect Andrew Waller of Mr Waller design studio to help reconfigure their floor plan. Their mission was to make the interiors flow more comfortably, with a fresh contemporary look.

One area they wanted to improve was the walk-in robe attached to their bedroom. “Their existing robe storage areas needed better planning and much more storage capacity,” says Andrew.

In the revised layout, he cleverly combined the walk-in robe and a hallway linen cupboard, converting them into an L-shaped dressing room that wraps around a new ensuite.

The area contains his-and-hers clothing spaces (hanging, shelving and drawers), plenty of dresser storage for jewellery and accessories, and open storage for shoes and handbags. For convenience, there is also a three-panelled hinged door with full-length mirrors which “allows you to check out an outfit from just about any angle - a design that is borrowed from upmarket fashion change rooms”, says Andrew.

In keeping with the colours used in other parts of the house, the dressing room is awash with soft neutrals and blue/grey accents.

The effect is stately, elegant and tranquil. This room radiates calm and order, flowing stylistically and tonally with the adjacent ensuite and the rest of the interiors.

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DRESSING ROOM *design notes*

JOINERY Custom designed by Mr Waller. Shaker-style doors with solid Tasmanian oak frames and veneer infill panels in Resene Half Akaroa.

BENCHTOPS 30mm solid Tasmanian oak in Resene Half Akaroa.

DRAWER PULLS Vintage hardware bought at auction with a new bronze electroplated finish.

WALL LIGHT Powell sconce, Restoration Hardware.

WALLS Resene Half Akaroa.

CARPET Natural Velvet wool carpet in Pinto, Prestige Carpets.

BLINDS Custom blinds by Mr Waller. Made of Helsinki linen in Limestone from Westbury Textiles with grey webbing strip from Liberty of London.

ACCESSORIES Lamp and Clifton tray in raffia with walnut mahogany trim, Boyd Blue. Parker shell box in white, Greg Natale.