

AUSTRALIAN
**HOUSE
& GARDEN**

Bathrooms, powder rooms, *laundries & mudrooms*

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LUXURIOUS and *practical*
spaces that ELEVATE *daily* rituals

BATHROOM
design notes

BASIN Doric basin,
Concrete Collective

FIXTURES Yokato mixer
and showerhead in Roma
Bronze, Brodware

WALLS Natural Moroccan
terracotta bricks, Bisanna;
Dulux Recycled

MIRROR Designer's own

BEST OF BOTH

For Hugh-Jones Mackintosh, considered planning
and decorative features work hand-in-hand.

STORY *Carli Philips*

Stylist: Olga Lewis. Photography: Prue Ruscoe.

BATHROOM
design notes

VANITY Custom designed by Hugh-Jones Mackintosh, clad in marble from SNB Stone

LIGHTING Apparatus 'Synapse' pendant, Criteria

TAPWARE Arq tapware in Copper, Rogerseller

BATH Candana

WINDOWS Linen blinds, Simple Studio

Photography: Prue Ruscoe. Stylist: Olga Lewis.



For *Justine Hugh-Jones* and Katrina Mackintosh (above, on right) - the duo behind Sydney interiors firm Hugh-Jones Mackintosh - bathrooms, powder rooms, laundries and mudrooms are all about “storage, storage and more storage”. However, the designers say this never comes at the expense of luxury. In their work, they always aim to combine both practical and decorative elements.

Space planning is key to their design process, as a good layout means functional features, such as appliances and whitegoods, can be hidden from view so as not to compromise the overall aesthetic. Even the back-of-house mudroom and laundry areas, traditionally the engine rooms of the family home, are given special attention in their work, with natural light top of the priority list. When it comes to the powder room, which is often frequented by guests, the designers are all about taking things to the next level with feature lights, bold colours and dramatic tiles.

How would you describe your design aesthetic? We believe in delivering beautiful, bespoke solutions to our clients, who value a personalised interior enriched by art, vintage pieces and a sense of character created through considered curation. By listening to and guiding our clients, we create ergonomic, practical and aesthetically satisfying spaces that speak to their lives now and into the future.

Bathrooms, powder rooms, laundries and mudrooms were once an afterthought in Australian residential design. How has that changed? These were often less-than-attractive, purely functional areas, conveniently located out of sight. Homeowners are now investing more time and budget

into these spaces. We love using these zones to create special experiences within the home. These experiences may be associated with wellness and mindfulness, for example, through steam rooms, gyms, yoga/meditation areas, and a connection to nature created through indoor/outdoor spaces.

What are some of the luxuries you include in these rooms? We focus on decorative features such as lighting and art. These elements create a beautiful atmosphere. The luxuries we include are also highly practical. For example, we always design to enhance natural light. And the storage we create in these spaces is also a luxury. Practicality is never compromised.

Do you enjoy designing these more intimate and utilitarian spaces? Yes, we love designing them. Like our clients, we enjoy the process of elevating these utilitarian areas into beautiful luxury spaces.

What is top of your clients' lists of must-haves for these rooms? Storage, storage, storage.

What are your key considerations when designing these spaces? **Bathroom:** Ergonomic space planning and a spa-like ambience. **Powder room:** Whimsy and the unexpected. This is a room that guests experience and it should be a memorable moment. **Laundry:** Storage and practical hanging/drying space. **Mudroom:** Considered organisation and storage.

Some of these rooms have to work hard in a small space. How do you maximise aesthetics and functionality? By considering all details in the design, from the layout to the cabinetry hardware.

If your client wants to include one key luxury element in these rooms, what would you advise them to choose? Decorative feature lighting. *Is there a product or supplier you go back to again and again in your design work for these spaces?* Natural stone.

What is the best reaction you've had from a client to one of your finished rooms? Our client comparing their bathroom to a luxury day spa.

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BATHROOM
design notes

VANITY Custom made by Northern Kitchens and Joinery, topped with Carrara marble from SNB Stone

TAPWARE Perrin & Rowe 'Contemporary' tapware in Pewter, The English Tapware Company

BASINS Kreoo basins

BATH Boffi 'Sabbia' bath

STOOL Bishop stool, India Madhavi

LIGHTING Melt wall lights, Articolo

WALLS Dulux Snowy Mountains, Dulux Surfmist

FLOORING Natural oak floorboards, Mafi

Photography: Prue Ruscoe. Stylist: Olga Lewis.

POWDER ROOM
design notes

JOINERY Northern Kitchens and Joinery

BASIN Custom design by Hugh-Jones Mackintosh

MIRROR Vintage mirror

TAPWARE Yokato tapware in Roma Bronze, Brodware

WALL SHELF Rogerseller

WALLS Casa Moroccan tiles, Onsite Supply and Design



HUGH-JONES MACKINTOSH, NSW H&G

BATHROOM
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BATH ACS Designer Bathrooms

TAPWARE Arq tapware, Rogerseller



Photography: Prue Ruscoe. Stylist: Olga Lewis. Opposite Photography: Anson Smart. Stylist: Steve Cordony.

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JOINERY Custom made
by Berecon

BENCHTOP & FLOORING
Terrazzo, Onsite Supply +
Design

BASINS Concrete Nation

TAPWARE Yokato tapware in
Roma Bronze, Brodware

MIRROR Glass & Mirror Co

VASE Jardan

LIGHTING Marz Designs

TOWELS Cultiver



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by Hugh-Jones Mackintosh,
made by Northern Kitchens
and Joinery

BASIN ACS Designer
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TAPS Yokato tapware,
Brodware

FLOORING Onsite Supply
+ Design

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The small details make a difference.” Justine Hugh-Jones*