

BLACK ACCENTS  
AND MARBLE  
SURFACES  
OFFSET THE  
WARMTH OF  
NATURAL OAK

*Hand-brushed 'Mill Valley' European oak flooring from KWD & Co provides a winning base for 'Provincial' cane chairs and a traditional farmhouse table, both from Coastal Styling. In the breathtaking kitchen (opposite), an oak panel above the rangehood serves as a contemporary nod to a traditional Victorian mantle. >*



Cross the threshold of this remarkably revived abode, past the sage green front door and into the stunning monochrome kitchen, and you realise instantly this isn't your typical country cottage. Punctuated with unexpected black elements, and clad in oak and Carrara marble, it effortlessly blends the old with the new, putting a fresh spin on classic details that surprise at every turn. Statement lighting by The Montauk Lighting Co and wow-factor furniture elevate each space, but it's the luxurious finishes throughout that ensure this haven of a homestead will continue to captivate for years to come. "The finishes create the design moment in this home," says interior designer Kate Walker of Kate Walker Design. Tasked with breathing new life into the Victorian cottage, she deemed its classic architectural elements, including the pitched roof, corbels and wide verandah, untouchable, choosing instead to replace poky windows with French doors to saturate the new layout with sunlight, and swap fussy wallpaper for a sophisticated palette inspired by the home's idyllic surrounds.



A 'Willow' four-poster bed by Globe West is the bedroom's stunning focal point, and is swathed in stonewashed linen by Adairs and a cosy St Albans throw. Cushions from Life Interiors and Country Road continue the peaceful colour palette. A 'Tunstall' sisal carpet from KWD & Co adds another layer of natural texture, while shutters finish the look. For dream home inspiration view the range of shutters at Luxaflex. >





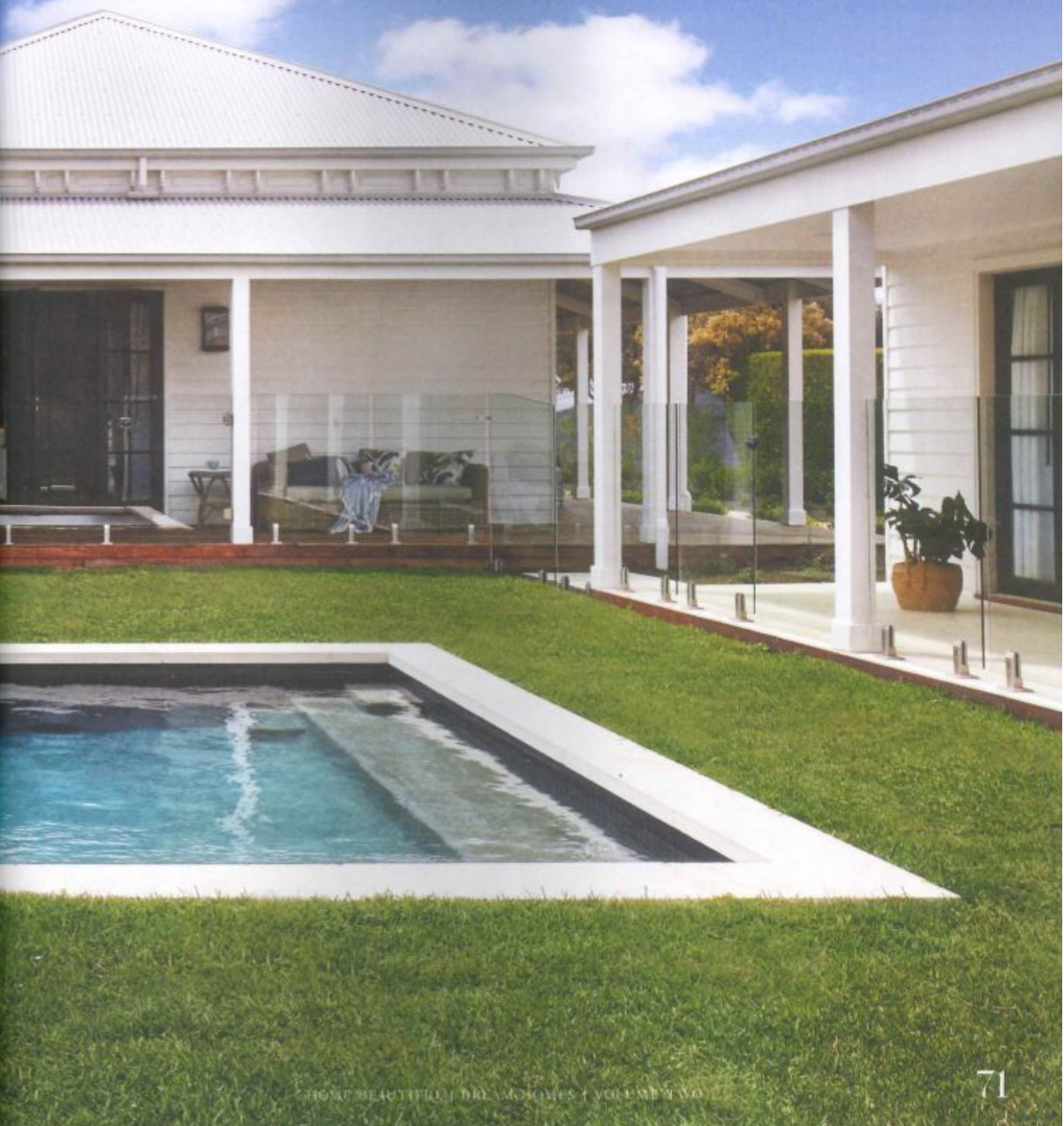
GLOSSY  
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THE VIBE OF  
A LUXE ECO  
RETREAT




*A glittering pool surrounded by limestone coping adds more glamour. Previously painted in dated red and yellow, the home's charming facade – now Dulux White Cloak Hall, with door frames and windows in Dulux Black Caviar – hints at the sophisticated style within. >*



UTTERLY IDYLIC, THE  
COUNTRY HOMESTEAD  
SOAKS UP GLORIOUS POOL  
VIEWS FROM ALL ANGLES





A photograph of a modern outdoor patio. The floor is made of wide, weathered wooden planks. A large, light-colored wicker sofa with a thick white cushion sits on the deck. It is adorned with several pillows: a solid dark blue one, a striped one in navy and white, and a tropical print one. A navy blue throw blanket is draped over the side of the sofa. To the right of the sofa is a small, round, light-colored wicker side table with a glass vase containing white flowers. In the background, a large set of black-framed glass doors is open, revealing a glimpse of the interior. The wall to the right of the doors is white with horizontal siding and features a black outdoor light fixture. The ceiling of the patio has a series of dark, rectangular wooden beams.

CONTRASTING  
MONOCHROME  
IS SOFTENED  
BY RUSTIC  
TIMBERS AND  
RATTAN  
FURNITURE



# dream essentials



1. Painted in Dulux's Shire, the sage green front door gives the first glimpse of the home's elegant colour palette.  
 2. 'South Hampton' subway tiles in Olive from KWD & Co. have a beguiling tactile finish.  
 3. The timber corbels on the walk-in pantry's open shelving speak to the home's heritage.  
 4. Vibrant art – 'Wakefield' by Katie Wyatt – adds a burst of colour to the living room.  
*Stockists, page 130*



# CLASSIC COOL

CONTRASTING NATURAL FINISHES WITH STRIKING MODERN ELEMENTS, THIS REIMAGINED FARMHOUSE ON VICTORIA'S MORNINGTON PENINSULA IS A BREATH OF FRESH COUNTRY AIR

