

Three Generations

Moving in together posed a few problems for this three generational family comprising daughter, mother and grandmother. “We couldn’t live on top of each other any longer,” says the daughter. “We wanted the choice to be able to invite friends over and not be in the same room as the rest of the family.”

The original home comprised two medium-sized and one very small bedroom at the front of the house with separate lounge, kitchen, kitchenette/laundry and bathroom at the rear. “The fact that we had one lounge for entertaining meant that if one of us had visitors, we all did,” says the daughter.

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A large room was created upstairs for the mother and daughter to share while the downstairs lounge has been extended. The grandmother’s bedroom has been renovated and ensuite added. Originally a fairly dark house, it is now open and allows plenty of natural light to stream through making a big difference to the way the owners feel about the home.

The daughter describes the house after the renovations: “It’s a beautiful big area downstairs – no more sitting on top of each other! A great kitchen, high ceilings and lots of warmth. Our bedrooms are lovely with lots of windows and space to sit around and enjoy.”

The three women had lots of fun decorating their new spaces, deciding on colours and styles and hunting around for accessories. “It was great to be able to decorate with colours you love and not feel like you’re living at someone else’s house,” says the daughter. “It’s much more of a shared space now.”

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All three women love entertaining so it was very important the new space be able to cope with their demands, as previously there was only a small space to host dinner parties and the like. But it was also important that each family member had her own space and that the renovation afforded a level of privacy not available in the original home.

The daughter’s favourite part of the renovation is the new sitting room upstairs, a space shared with her mother, and all three women love the new look downstairs, including the new kitchen. They’re all very happy with the end result claiming, “It’s everything we wanted, and more!”

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Before:

Ground floor – two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen / meals, bathroom, laundry

After:

Ground floor – one bedroom with walk in robes and ensuite, lounge, kitchen, dining, living, laundry, bathroom, separate toilet

First floor – two bedrooms with built in robes, bathroom, powder room



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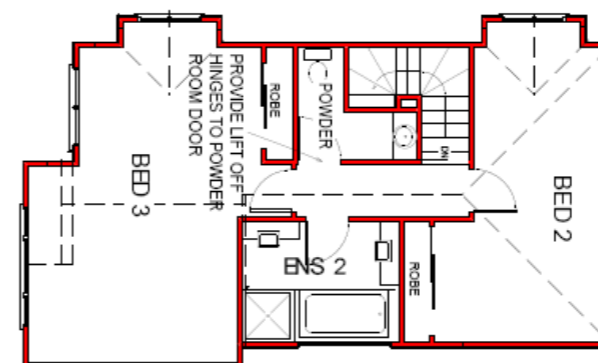
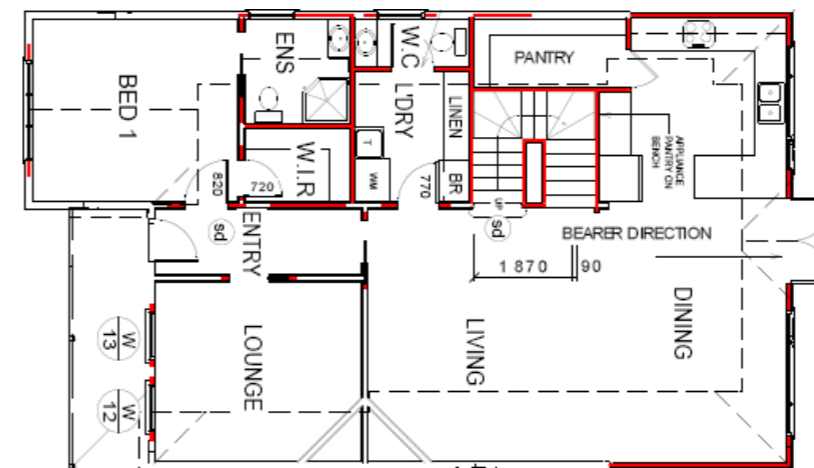


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1. Before work commenced 2. First floor bathroom 3. After, a stunning transformation 4. Lounge room



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It's about lifestyle.