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### NATURAL CHOICE

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The brief was twofold when renovating this heritage home on Sydney's Lower North Shore: improve the function and refresh the form. First, Brett took care of the practicalities by removing a wall, shifting the entry to the ensuite and installing built-in joinery to optimise storage. Next, the style. "A previous renovation had stripped the room of its character," says Brett. "I wanted to restore the charm by mixing eras, creating a contemporary room with a traditional essence." The colour palette is a nod to the coastal location, and is enhanced by the choice of natural materials, including wool, grasscloth, linen and timber. ▶

**ROOM NOTES** Lamps, Arteriors. Diane Bergeron for Arthur G' Rita' bench custom-upholstered in Lelievre fabric. Headboard from Xavier Furniture. Curtains in Mokum 'Couture' fabric, Coco Soft Furnishings. Side tables, Blu Dot. Grasscloth wallpaper, Porter's Paints. Sculpture by Milly Dent.

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**ROOM NOTES** Joinery by Euro Kitchen Design, painted Dulux Grape Leaf. Stools, Grazia & Co. Tapware, CEA Design. Karman pendant light, LightCo. Wall light, Anaesthetic Design. Westinghouse freestanding and wall oven; Bosch convection microwave; Fisher & Paykel integrated refrigerator; Smeg concealed undermount rangehood, all from Harvey Norman.

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## GREEN PEACE

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Designed to accommodate a family of seven, this striking kitchen is part of a contemporary extension to a Federation home in Sydney. Tasked with adding depth and energy to the kitchen, Brett looked to the adjoining garden for inspiration. "My aim was to bring that fresh-air feeling indoors," he says. "Here, the green is used to envelop the occupants, becoming a soothing background for the lighter colours and furnishings in the room." As an added bonus, using this invigorating hue to connect the kitchen with the outdoor entertaining areas makes the interior feel more spacious too. ▶