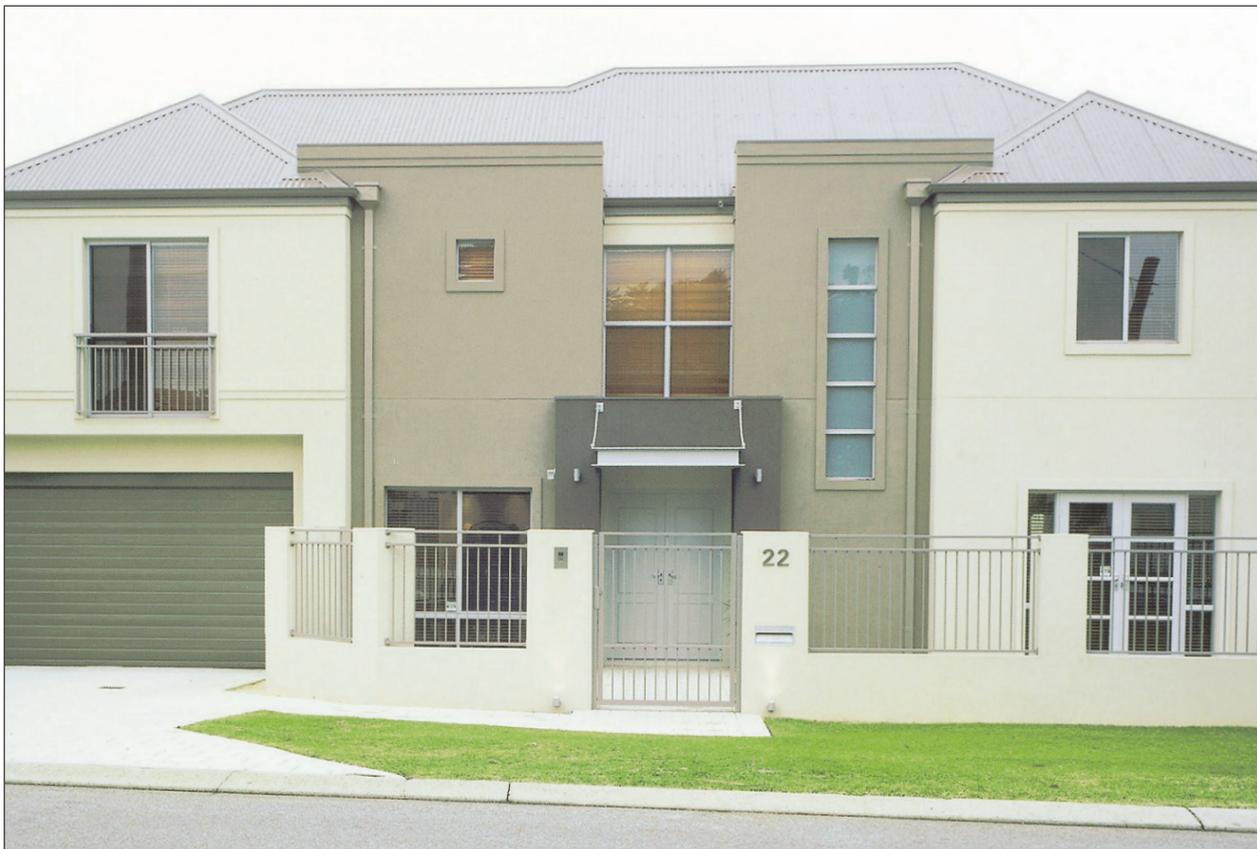


Love of colour and company



Ample windows provide plenty of light. Left: The exterior has a graffiato finish in cream, coffee and purple-brown.



The presence of light is a hallmark of this double-storey home on a small block. **Deryn Thorpe** reports

Designing a full-sized house on a shallow 276sqm block was an innovative process for real estate agent Nic Di Rosso and his architect uncle, Lu.

By spanning the full width of the block and positioning a courtyard to one side, they have created Nic's stylish two-storey house, which has as much internal space as houses on much bigger blocks.

Its smart exterior has a suede-look graffiato finish in colours of cream, coffee and purple-brown with vertical windows that give linear appeal.

Built with an iron roof with a 35deg. pitch, the house has double doors opening into an impressive entry with a ceiling void that is lit by a big window above.

The presence of light, through the use of ample big windows, is one of the hallmarks of the house,

which has ceilings 32-brick courses high on the ground floor.

In the entry is a staircase with an opaque glass window and porcelain floor tiles in cream that extend throughout the ground floor and on the stairs.

On one side of the entry is an office and on the other a home theatre with a coffered ceiling and double doors to the front garden.

Open-plan living areas run along the back and have lots of windows to the north.

The garage backs on to living areas so it can be used for extra space when the owners have parties. A pergola with a barrel-vaulted ceiling shades the alfresco area.

A porcelain benchtop in cream teams with timber-look cupboards in the kitchen, which has a bulkhead, stainless-steel appliances and access to the laundry and powder room.

Upstairs, the home has three minor bedrooms, which share a bathroom with full-height tiling in taupe and cream.

French doors in the main suite open to a Juliet balcony. There are walk-in robes and an ensuite with a spa bath and separate toilet.

Nic said the builder took less than a year to build the house, which was good going for a double-storey home.



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