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loose living

slip into something more colourful

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DETERMINATION is one of those human traits that invariably leads to success. And in creating a spacious home on a 214sq m lot in Subi Centro, Paul and Kaye Craddock pursued a seemingly impossible task that has culminated in a monument to modern architecture.

"A lot of people thought we were mad to try to house a growing family on such a small block but they have been pleasantly surprised," Kaye said.

As owners of cabinet-making company Build All Pty Ltd, the Craddocks work closely with some of Perth's leading builders and architects. So they knew exactly where to turn when it came to their own project.

With children Jordan, 6, and Chelsea, 3, there was pressure to use all available space.



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"The architects did a great job with space planning. They gave the house an open feel that maximised our views, while maintaining our privacy," Paul said.

From the street the home appears small but inside it unfolds to offer 300sq m of living space.

The lines are clean and simple. Glass, stainless steel, granite and timber add contrasting dimensions to the minimalist design.

High ceilings, clever use of glazing and balconies on all three levels which overlook a lake and parklands enhance the airy feeling.

"We wanted the house to be minimal without being stark and used a lot of different building materials and paint colours to create warmth and variety," Paul said.

True to their vision, the home is a melting pot of colour and texture.

Nowhere is this more pronounced than in the kitchen, where green glass and stainless-steel mosaic tiles combine with natural timber and eggplant-coloured cabinets.

"Choosing the cabinet designs and finishes were some of the most agonising decisions we

made," Paul said. "Although I do it for clients on a day-to-day basis, it was different when it came to my own home."

Paul and Kaye's personal touches make a strong visual impact throughout the home.

Paul also crafted the dining and coffee tables, while Kaye transformed the children's bedrooms into miniature playgrounds.

"We don't have a backyard, so I wanted the children's rooms to have a sense of fun and be comfortable to play in," Kaye said.

Optical illusions abound and further enhance the home's aesthetics. Expansive windows soar from the ground floor to the loft and from the second storey it seems as though you are suspended in mid-air. This feature has come in handy for Kaye, who can watch the children from every level of the house as they play in the park.

A tranquil courtyard, complete with a spa, is the focal point of the central living areas. Its timber decking is fringed with river stones and planter boxes brimming with exotic plants.

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Paul and Kaye Craddock, pictured top, used a lot of different building materials and paint colours in their three-level family home in Subi Centro.

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Get the look

Architects: Hofman & Brown, Cottesloe

Builder: City Residence, Mt Lawley

Cabinet work: Build All Pty Ltd, Bayswater

Tiles: Attica Tiles, Subiaco, and Original Ceramics, Leederville

Furniture: Build All Pty Ltd, Design Farm, West Perth, and Atama Furniture, Malaga

Timber flooring: Granwood Flooring WA, Belmont

Paint: Aalto Paints, Subiaco. Exterior colours: Urban, Relinquish, Chicane, Marakesh, Tuxedo, Meridian. Interior colours: Evasive, Relinquish, Manchester, Lime White, Praying Mantis, Concur, Cavit Blue, Limbo, Long Stockings, Hothead, Spectrum, Cirrus, Swerve, Fish in a Dish, Minimalist, Paradox, Sublime

Stainless-steel work: Answer Engineering, Malaga

Granite: Bernini Stone & Tiles, Subiaco

Stairs: Majestic Stairs, Maylands

Windows: Boral Window Systems, Belmont