

## ART DECO *delight*

An Art Deco home in Brisbane is revived and now, with hints of this style found throughout, is sleek, modern and exudes glamour and sophistication

“These homeowners loved the Art Deco style but wanted to stay away from having too many Art Deco features in their home,” says L’Interior interior designer Nadia Aber-Griffith of this Brisbane property. “I’d

describe their home as Art Deco but pared back. There aren’t too many Art Deco buildings left in Brisbane these days so the opportunity to work on such a heritage house made this project very special and unique.”

The main challenge for Nadia with this

**Above** Interior designer Nadia Aber-Griffith designed the formal lounge area’s consoles and coffee tables in dark timber lacquered Macassar Ebony.

project was to have a good understanding of the Art Deco style, and design and furnish the space according to the heritage architecture. Sourcing and designing the right products was essential to make the home both unique and stunning.

“Art Deco furniture is streamlined in design,” says Nadia. “It is modern and sleek. This is a very open house so big statement furniture pieces were needed. I designed the consoles and coffee tables in dark timber lacquered Macassar Ebony. The lobby’s masterpiece is a grand Art Deco chandelier with matching wall lights. For the formal lounge area, I

**Above right** The home is one of the few Art Deco buildings left in Brisbane.

**Right** The lobby’s masterpiece is a grand Art Deco chandelier with matching wall lights.

sourced two dark timber Art Deco armchairs, re-upholstered with a cream velour fabric. A charcoal diamond-button sofa and black side lamps were added to complement the style.

To keep the flow with the structure, geometric shapes and to add a splash of colour, Nadia commissioned glass artist Lucas Salton to custom-make the distorted red and black glass artwork.

Every single statement piece throughout the home was custom-made to perfectly suit the architecture — from the grand wrought-iron staircase, furniture, lighting



**Above** The sophisticated bar area looks out to the formal lounge area, with two dark timber Art Deco armchairs, reupholstered with a cream velour fabric.

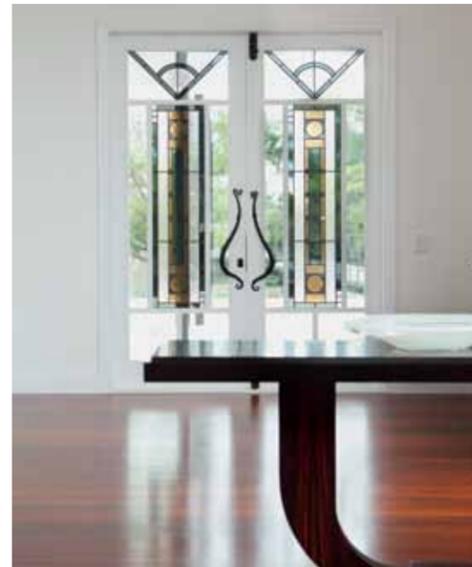
and windows inside to the wrought-iron Art Deco gate outside.

Because Art Deco interiors are minimalist, colour was used sparingly. “With the selection of the dark jarrah floors, to create contrast I selected light paint finishes such as Dulux Lexicon (quarter strength) for downstairs and

Dulux White Swan — slightly warmer for upstairs,” says Nadia. “These colours contrast beautifully with the dark wood and lacquered furniture common to the period.”

The main bedroom is lush, with a black and white colour palette, cream carpet and silver velour bespoke deep diamond ottoman, along with silk soft furnishings and crystal Art Deco chandelier to add further elegance.

Each room has its own special characteristics and was designed to suit individual members of the family. “The guest



**Above and below** The grand entrance doors and windows in the lobby flood the space with light and perfectly suit the home’s architecture.



bathroom would probably be my favourite room as it was a bit of a challenge,” says Nadia. “It wasn’t a big room so I designed it with a minimalist atmosphere to give a sense of space. White is the dominant colour. To complete the style, I created an Art Deco pattern with a black and white glass mosaic, SICIS mosaics for the shower area and added crystal shelving for glamour and Cloud White marble from Elite Bathware for the floor. The slick vanity unit was specially designed for the area.



Art Deco wall lights were sourced, which remind me of the curved ceiling shapes of the bar area. The room came up beautifully and has a unique and sophisticated look.”

For Nadia, there isn’t a single point of inspiration for her fascination with Art Deco. “I think Art Deco is a design style full of glamour and sophistication, and is sleek and modern; I have included all those elements in the design. It was an amazing feeling to actually be able to deliver exactly what the clients needed and I am very proud to have been part of this project. It has been a great experience working with the clients to transform their house into a series of open and modern Art Deco spaces for their current and future living needs.” APS

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### Flooring

**Living areas/kitchen:** Jarrah

**Bathroom:** Mosaic and white marble floor from Elite Bathware

**Bedrooms:** Carpet Bremworth Collection Tussore colour Weld

**Outdoors:** Travertine

### Walls

**Living areas/kitchen/  
bathroom/bedrooms/outdoor:**  
Dulux

### Lighting

**Living areas and lobby:** Art Deco chandelier from French & English

**Kitchen/guest bathroom/  
bedrooms:** Downlights

**Main bathroom and bedroom:**  
Chandelier

