

The pendant light - which originally hung in Sydney's Long Bay Jail - and the industrial-style kitchen bench are both from Guy Mathews Industrial.



BROOKLYN BABY

This loft-style apartment takes its inspiration from the modern-industrial interior of a New York hotel.

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INSIDE STORY

The home

A renovated, two-bedroom upstairs apartment in a 1970s block in Elwood.

Who lives here

Samuel Murray, a university researcher and health sector consultant.

What I did "I've spent the last four Februarys in New York, so the inspiration came from the Ace Hotel and the work of its designers, Roman and Williams. I engaged Kate Challis Interiors to do a full refit and replace the '70s décor with a modern-industrial Brooklyn-inspired loft," says Samuel. "It might be in a 3184 postcode, but this apartment is a Brooklyn Baby at heart."

My favourite room

"The living space is where I enjoy entertaining family and friends, and where I spend most of my time; however the "library" is my favourite room due to its quirky originality.

The 'hood "Elwood has so many great eating and drinking spots, it's close to the CBD, yet still leafy and quiet enough to call the 'burbs."

Future plans

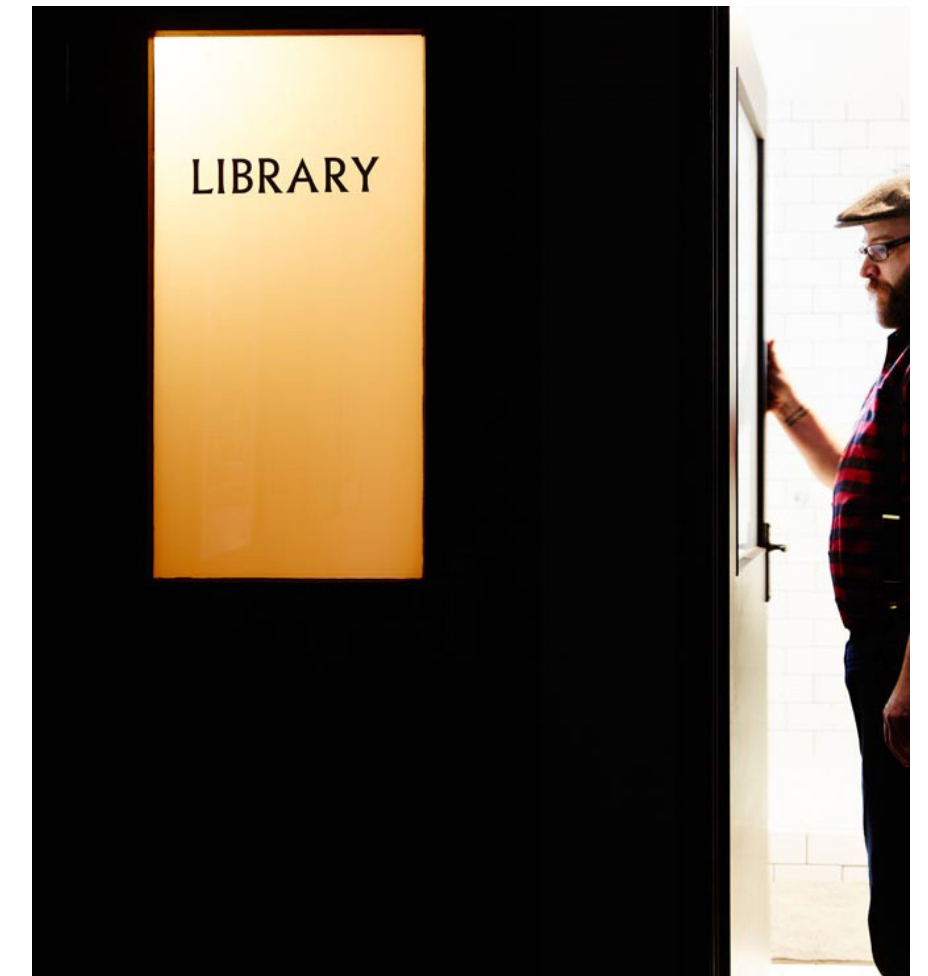
"I couldn't imagine changing a single thing, aside from finally getting around to sorting out the spare room."

Best advice "Don't go it alone. If you have the budget, use a reputable interior designer, they bring their skills and expertise and a good set of tradespeople and suppliers."

A wall between the lounge and kitchen was removed to create a loft-like space. The authentic American fire-fighter hats and megaphone were eBay purchases.



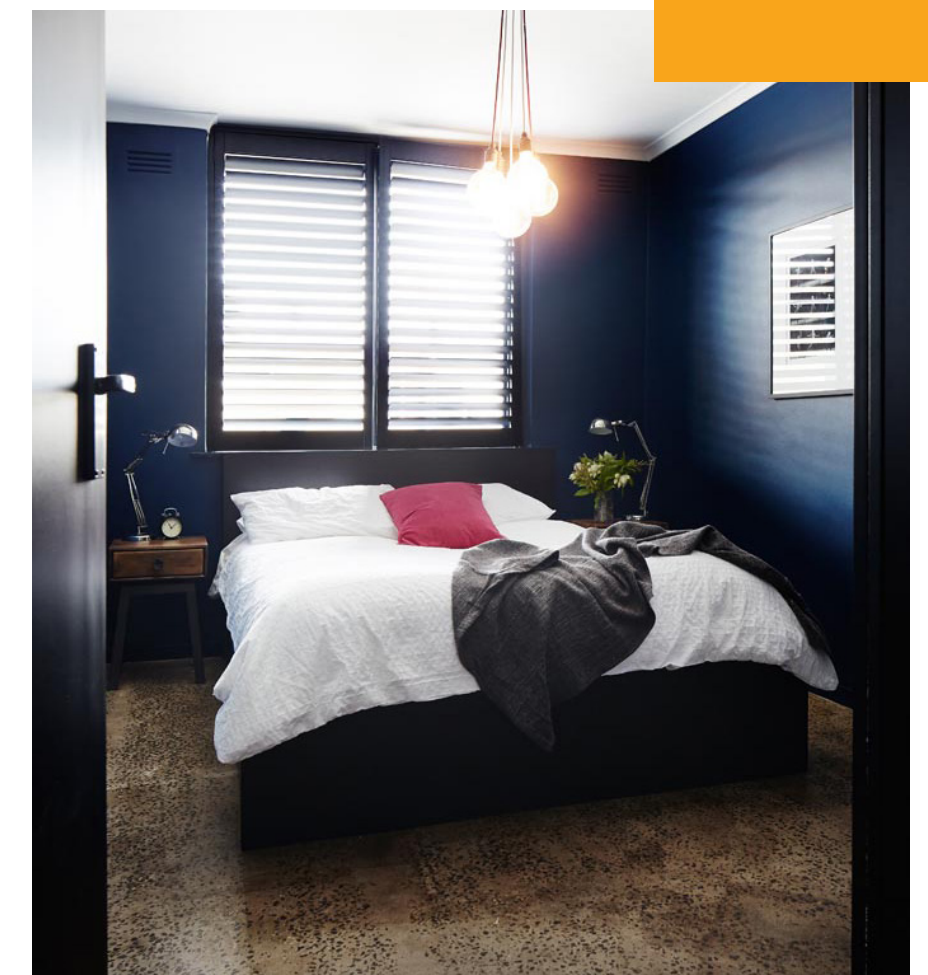
The toilet walls are lined with pages from the books on the shelf.



The toilet and bathroom are both New York-inspired; the former by a library, the latter by the subway.



Clever planning has allowed for a good-sized laundry to be housed in the bathroom.



Black window shutters and deep blue walls ("Aboy" by Dulux) create an elegant, masculine mood.