



POSTCARD FROM THE USA

Where do you hang out when you're staying here? Kieran: We spend our weekends in Hudson, a town full of homewares and antiques stores, about 20 minutes across the Hudson River.

Our favourite places to eat are...

Le Gamin for brunch, and for dinner, we go to Swoon Kitchen (swoonkitchenbar.com) and Helsinki (helsinkihudson.com), which is also a great music venue.

The best homewares store...

Is Red Chair Antiques (redchair-antiques.com). It's run by a woman who brings back beautiful pieces from France and other parts of Europe that are all very neutral and simple.

3 GREAT FINDS: PRODUCT SOURCING: JOSEPH GARDNER. PAINT COLOUR MAY VARY ON APPLICATION



PAINT PALETTE

For an airy and relaxing feel in the master bedroom, owner Kieran has chosen a colour scheme of neutral and gentle shades. For a similar look, try 'Clean & Protect' interior low sheen paints in Whitsunday Passage and Star White, \$55.50/4L, British Paints, britishpaints.com.au.



contractor, Per Blomquist. "He restored all the beams while his wife, who is a master mason, rebuilt the entire foundation from stones found on the property," says Kieran.

Kieran and Stéphane decorated the revitalised home, keeping to a restrained palette while still highlighting the home's architectural heritage. "I have always loved neutral spaces, keeping it light and airy and clean; you'll never find dark colours in any of our houses!" says Kieran. "Luckily, Per is from Sweden, so his aesthetic was very much the same — simple, open, clean and light."

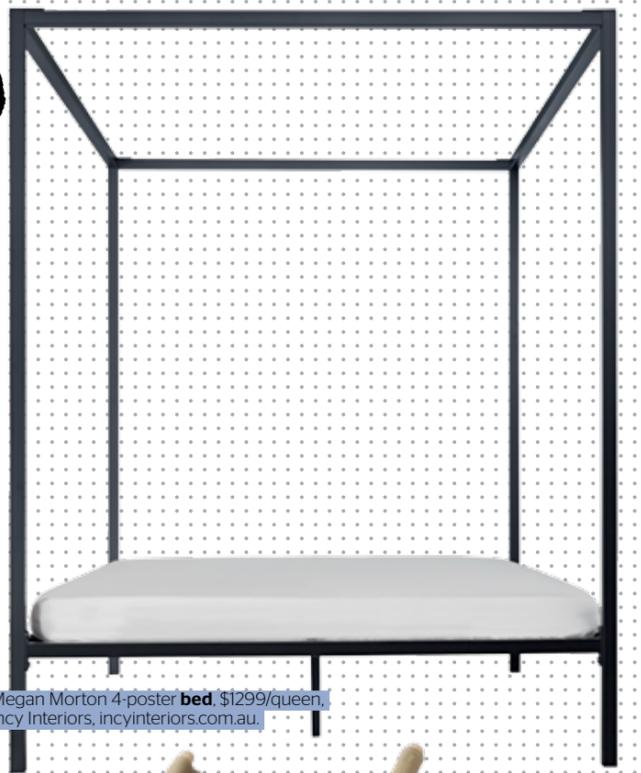
Part of the work included exposing the home's timber beams, which had been completely covered by drywall and drop ceilings. "We would never have considered covering them back up — we felt they added so much to the space," says Kieran.

In fact, Per has become a close family friend over the years of renovations (all done over weekends across eight years) as the couple turned the property into a retreat for their family.

Kieran says she loves everything about the weekender. Her absolute favourite thing is, "the gorgeousness of the landscape, the honesty of the way people live there and the creative energy that seems to be everywhere these days. It is such a change of pace from the city, with space to breathe and freedom for the kids. It's been an incredibly special place for us."

LIVING ROOM (above) Chloé relaxes with a book; she sits on canvas cots that form a long bench in this light-filled space. **MASTER BEDROOM (left)** Kieran chose soft greys and blues for this sleeping zone, located just under the eaves. A four-poster bed makes the most of the room's lofty proportions.

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Megan Morton 4-poster bed, \$1299/queen, Incy Interiors, incyinteriors.com.au



"Add interest to neutral tones with the natural texture of pure jute and linen" JOSEPH GARDNER, MARKET EDITOR

Safari chair, \$695, Dunlin, dunlin.com.au

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Flocca Macaron cushions, \$129 each, Hale Mercantile Co., halemercantileco.com

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