





# SOULFUL STYLE

## *STUDIO COLLECTIVE*

When Studio Collective was commissioned to create a contemporary family home, they knew how to do it – with masses of creativity, a unique approach and plenty of heart.

As a boutique design studio, they pride themselves on creating awe-inspiring spaces while nurturing each client's vision – and interior designer Casey Drummond is certainly no stranger to reinventing tired spaces. Although her client had plenty of ideas for revamping her house, she was unsure which direction to take – and so, with Casey's expert hand, the homey, inviting space was born.

"The brief was to create a stylish and contemporary family home with soul," says Casey. "The goal was to create a designer home, unique in style to the Sunshine Coast."

The family – a professional couple with two teenage children – were content

with the location of their waterfront home, but knew the indoors needed a renovation for easier living. Bringing in builder Nick Hayes to oversee pivotal structural changes assured a stunning result – although the open-plan design wasn't altered too dramatically, the home now takes full advantage of its location.

Casey also ensured existing pieces were given a spot of love, adding a fresh coat of paint to the family's furniture and re-upholstering chairs in stunning fabrics. The result? A rich, inviting colour scheme, with a variety of textures abundant. "We wanted to stay away from using too many cool colours, which often makes homes appear sterile and uninviting," explains Casey. "Incorporating warm and natural elements with the use of timbers, brass and gold accents helped to create a cosy and sophisticated space."







It's easy to see why Casey is enamoured with the living room – between its gorgeous outlook and well-designed interior; there's much to love. A contemporary gas fireplace is the centrepiece, built into a textured matte black tile. "We decided to frame the outlook with soft floor-to-ceiling sheer linen curtains," she explains. It's an inviting space, looking luxuriously intimate and perfect for afternoons spent tucked away indoors watching the fire.

The soft look continues outdoors, an area Casey also loves. "The outdoor area is an extension of the living room," she says. "To keep it cosy, we stayed away from the traditional outdoor furniture and opted for a linen-look modular sofa with soft dusty pink and charcoal scatter cushions. It's a great place to chill out all year round."

Such a seamless design could only come about when client and designer are in complete harmony, as it was in this home. "The client and myself have a great rapport and share very similar tastes, which made the whole process enjoyable," Casey says with a smile. "Without sounding cliched, I loved the whole creative process – especially seeing the client so happy with the final result."

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