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We love: Many hours could be gloriously wasted soaking up the ambience of this private bathroom, and it's something that *HB* editorial coordinator Olivia would be more than happy to do. "Beautiful – it's bright, open and full of light," she says, "and yet secluded among the gum trees."

Get the look: Here is a wet room all about divine yet practical indulgence. A deep and curvaceous freestanding bath such as the 'Barcelona' from Victoria + Albert is positioned centrally beneath a window to frame a sculptural, twisted tree trunk. The walls and floor are kept a bright white to further enhance the view; for a similar result in your bathing space, Dulux Vivid White is an option.



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We love: "Now this is relaxed, simple living," states *HB* stylist Rachel. "The neutral colour palette is calming and a reflection of those beautiful surrounds."

Get the look: Laid-back sandy hues with accents of Australian timber set the scene for beachside living at its best in this Designed By Karen Akers project. Two 'Box' daybeds from Mark Tuckey flank an open fireplace where Tannya Harricks's *Pearl Beach* painting hangs (more of her work is available through Art 2 Muse). A couple of chunky 'Suar' wooden stools from Orient House double as distinctive side tables. >



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We love: Considered use of colour and texture certainly captured our attention. "The grey and white pairing works so well in this space," remarks *HB* deputy art director Julia. "The use of open shelves helps break up the darker backdrop, too."

Get the look: Opting for shelving over wall-mounted cupboards is an excellent way to achieve a sense of airiness. Here, a dark colour – try Wattyl/Colorbond Night Sky – enhances the effect, with the top half of the room appearing to recede. Bolts of colour arrive through a dazzling one-of-a-kind rug from Behruz Studio and the sunny 'No. B9 Le Corbusier' chair from Thonet.

