Maison Lumière

Reimagining Home: A French Country Revival in Midstream

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Within the manicured enclave of Midstream Estate, a family home is being gently shepherded into its next chapter. The brief arrived with the kind of nuance that makes architectural work meaningful: create a contemporary space where new memories can be formed without erasing the old. This renovation needed to honour the past while embracing a more refined future.

The vision centred on contemporary French Country design, where rustic charm and collected history meets understated elegance.Outside, the established gardens remained precious and permanent. What the home lacked was proper dialogue with the northern light. The home was dark and had very little natural light beaming into it. Our solution arrived as a new covered patio, its roof slab elevated dramatically to capture low winter sun while maximising summer illumination.

This architectural gesture connects living room, outdoor entertainment area, and pool in a fluid circuit, framing treeline views while dissolving the boundary between inside and outside. The clients requested terrazzo slabs for this threshold space, understanding its quiet luxury.while dissolving the boundary between inside and outside. This composite material, made of marble chips suspended in cement or resin, catches light dynamically throughout the day, its speckled surface shifting with shadow and sun. It's also remarkably sustainable, often incorporating recycled content while promising generational durability. A material philosophy aligned with slow living.

Inside, transformation arrived through careful curation rather than structural upheaval. Wide format wood-grain tiles replaced existing floors, their generous proportions mimicking timber boards while offering practical resilience. Updated lighting fixtures, contemporary switches, and plug sockets quietly advanced the aesthetics. A freestanding cast iron fireplace anchors the living area with French Country authenticity, while plantation shutters control light with timeless elegance and grace. The kitchen emerged as the home's true heart. Here, the wife's passion for cooking justified built-in appliances, warming drawers, and a remote-controlled extractor.

To add a pop of colour, blue shaker cabinets were added, providing rich colour depth, contrasted beautifully against gold-veined sintered stone countertops.



"Good design doesn't erase history, it illuminates it with contemprary grace and thoughtful curation."

Sintered stone is known for its durability, heat resistance and longevity. The addition of satin brass knurled handles gently complements the gold within the stone veins without becoming overbearing or old-fashioned, and the choice of illuminated timber display boxes complete the composition where each detail is considered, practical and beautiful.

Maison Lumière is a showcase of architecture in service of making and preserving memories, where French Country warmth meets contemporary sensibility, and where a home gracefully welcomes renewal and a new chapter in its history.



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