

Fresh angles

A desire for a light, airy extension with a connection to the garden prompted this room, grafted onto the rear of an 1890s semi in Sydney's inner west. "We had to provide an expansive living area," says architect Christopher Polly, and harness as much light and ventilation as possible from its east and south aspects."

WHY IT WORKS A skillion roof with clerestory windows on three sides addresses the light issue. Pocket doors along the rear wall let in light and offer a direct connection to the garden. "With the large doors disappearing into the wall, you feel you're sitting in the garden and the deck doesn't feel like a deck at all," says Christopher. Shiplap boards were used inside and out, finished in white gloss for luminosity or black at the sides for a sense of containment. "We wanted a sense of expanding the outside inwards and vice versa," says Christopher. Lampshades from Euroluce.

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