

“To make this space feel even bigger, I used an oversized standing mirror that reflects the beautiful wallpaper on the opposite wall and went with exposed trusses which create a light and airy vibe,” says Tammy.



Mirror from Tusker Trading

PUT IT IN neutral

A muted colour palette can be playful – just add the right detail!

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Table, sisal rug and standing lamp from Block & Chisel; wallpaper by Cara Saven

Fabric from Hertex; Malawi chair from Amatuli



Don't be afraid to go *bold with prints, patterns and darker colours.* – Tammy

Planning for the future

Designing a multifunctional, open-plan space can be daunting, but Jo'burg interior decorator Tammy Holmes has managed to integrate a work and living space seamlessly by opting for a neutral palette that doesn't skimp on the details.

White walls and a white ceiling as well as plenty of natural and wooden elements create a calm environment. “As a designer, I'm usually all about colour, so this room was a challenge for me. But I like that it's different to my usual style and it acts as the perfect backdrop when brainstorming with clients,” says Tammy.

“Because it's on the same level as two bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchenette, I designed this area as a living room and lounge so the next owners can rent the entire space as a self-contained apartment.”

Pipe up

Using natural textures and botanical prints in an outdoor area is a great way to connect your décor with the garden, says Tammy.

She combined oak tops with Australian blackwood legs for the table and benches and added a Malawi chair painted in Plascon Bovine at each end. To create further detail through contrast, she added eye-catching piping to the tropical print fabric on the bench cushions. 🏠



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