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SUAVE CONCEPT

# PORT FOLIO

I STRIVE TO CREATE INTUITIVE INTERIOR DESIGN —  
SPACES THAT ARE INTELLIGENT, HARMONIOUS,  
FUNCTIONAL AND ENJOYABLE.  
I PRIORITISE COMFORT AND WELL-BEING.  
I LIKE TO TURN CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES.

I AM AN AESTHETICS SEEKER. ARTWORKS, PHOTOGRAPHY  
AND NATURE ARE MY BIGGEST SOURCES OF INSPIRATION.  
I BELIEVE IN THE ART OF HOMEMAKING.

EMPOWER YOUR SPACE. DARE TO LIVE WELL.

SINCERELY,  
KAROLINA SOWA

## HEY THERE!

My name is Karolina Sowa, an interior designer based in Dubai, UAE. In 2024, I started Suave Concept - creative space where I share my professional experiences, expertise, inspirations and interests.



### MY ROLE

visualising ideas  
space planning  
sketching  
styling  
home staging  
home organisation  
abstract painting  
for home decoration

### SKILLS

SketchUp & LayOut  
(floor plans and  
internal elevations)  
Canva  
space planning  
storage organization  
photography  
painting  
Procreate (sketching)

### PERSONAL STYLE

passion for interiors that evoke sense of serenity and harmony  
design that is cohesive and balanced  
spaces that feel grounded and connected to the natural world  
modern, organic design that blends contemporary with natural elements  
focus on natural light and clean lines  
airy, inviting environment that connects with the outdoors  
aesthetically pleasing, yet comfortable and practical

## EDUCATION

### INTERIOR DESIGN

02.2024-03.2025 The Interior Design Institute UAE

### DIGITAL INTERIOR ILLUSTRATION

03.2025-present ASDB Academy

### ENGLISH STUDIES, MA

2015-2016 University of Warsaw, Poland

### ENGLISH PHILOLOGY & IBERIAN STUDIES, BA

2010-2016 University of Warsaw, Poland

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PROJECT 01

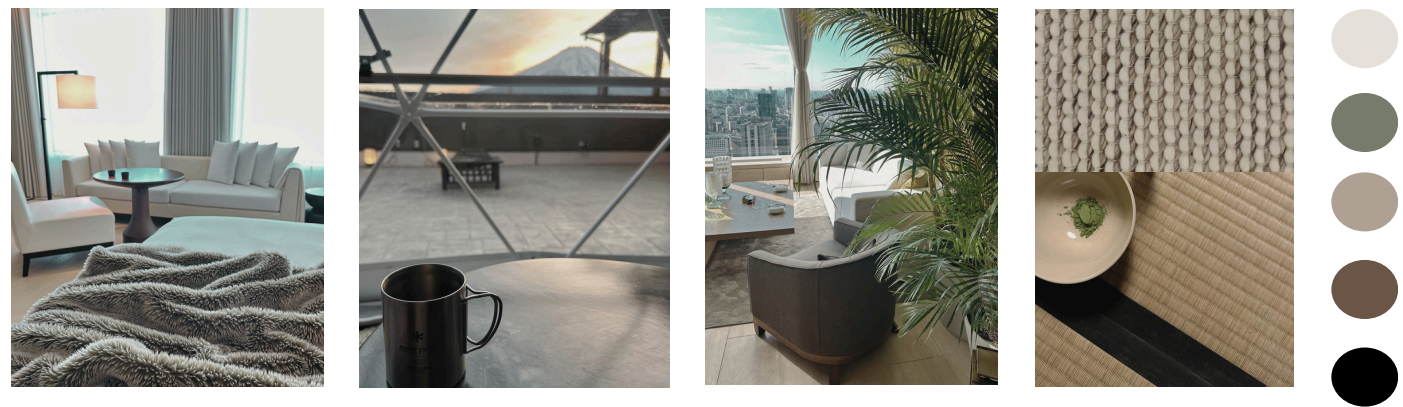
VILLA MAKEOVER: REPAINTING, FURNITURE SHOPPING, STYLING

It is a spacious villa renovated a few years ago that needs a refresh. The space has beautiful natural light, installed plantation shutters throughout the house, grey walls and greige tile flooring.

CONCEPT: “suburban oasis”

- neutral colour scheme
- clean, simplified design
- natural materials
- coziness and elegance

MOOD BOARD



CONCEPT FOR MAKEOVER

MAKEOVER AREA: living room, dining, lounge and powder room  
BUDGET: 50,000 aed (furniture) + 10.000aed (wall painting)

MATERIALS & LIGHTING

SUGGESTED MATERIALS



LIGHTING







## PROJECT 01

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# VILLA MAKEOVER: REPAINTING, FURNITURE SHOPPING, STYLING

## AFTER: DINING AREA



## AFTER: LIVING ROOM

Project transformed these rooms into serene, cozy spaces. Blending soft neutrals, earth colours and natural elements like wood, woven, stone and a significant amount of big plants created a harmonious atmosphere, offering both tranquility and connection to nature. The spaces are simple and airy, bringing attention to natural lighting in the space. The design reflects a refined balance of comfort and style, perfect for modern suburban living.





## PROJECT 01

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### VILLA MAKEOVER: REPAINTING, FURNITURE SHOPPING, STYLING

#### AFTER: POWDER ROOM



#### AFTER: LOUNGE

The lounge blends mid-century modern, minimalism and industrial accents - white Eames chair overlooking the garden adds coziness and style, while black industrial shelf and travertine/metal table adds a touch of urban edge. Sheepskin and off-white rugs create relax, yet refined atmosphere. The jungle accent wall in powder room brings a vibrant, playful twist to the simple design, adding personality to the space.

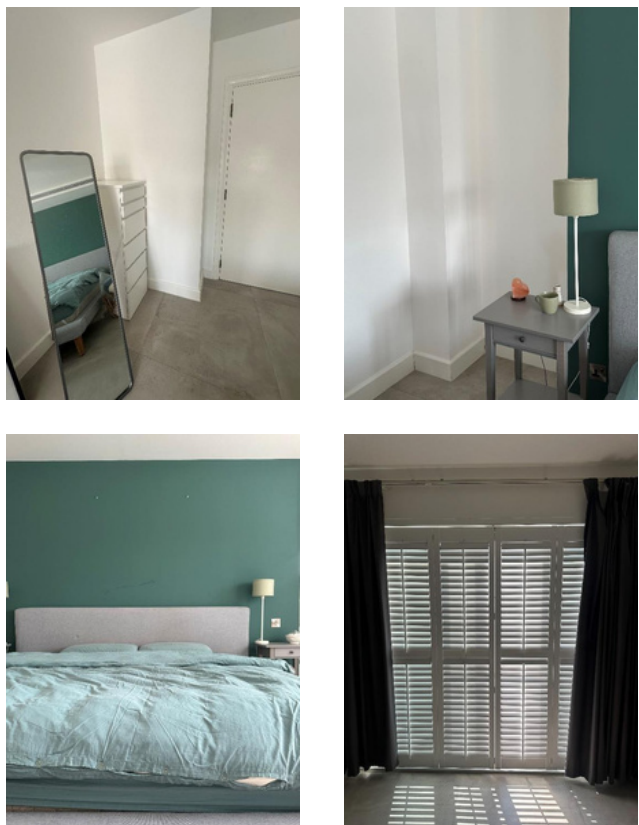




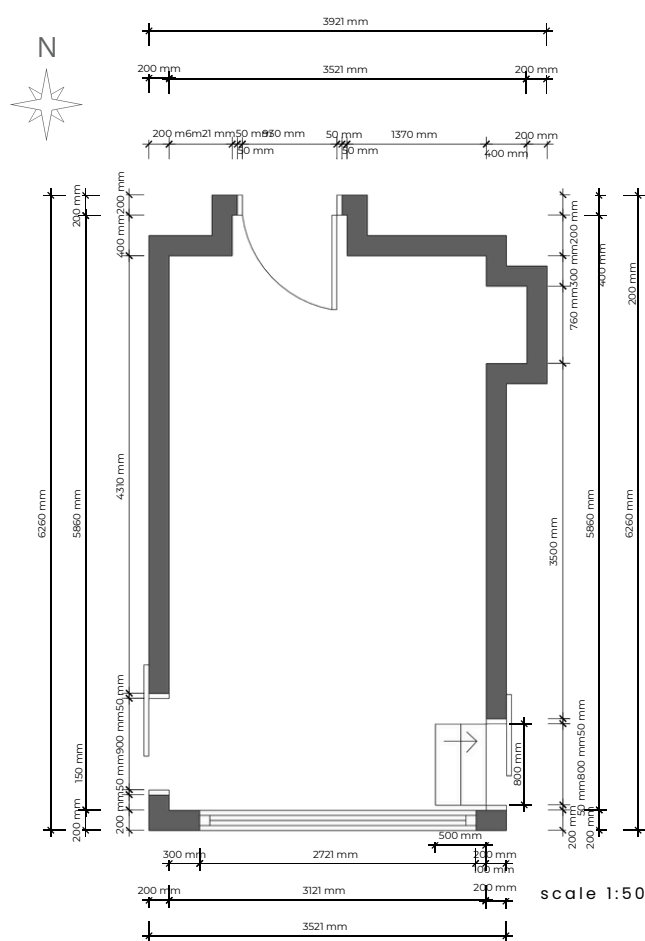
PROJECT 02

REDISIGNING BEDROOM

OVERVIEW  
PHOTOGRAPHS



FLOOR PLAN



AFTER: SAMPLE BOARD

CONCEPT: California Cool style as an inspiration, midcentury furniture, creating a reading nook, atmospheric lighting and soothing colours



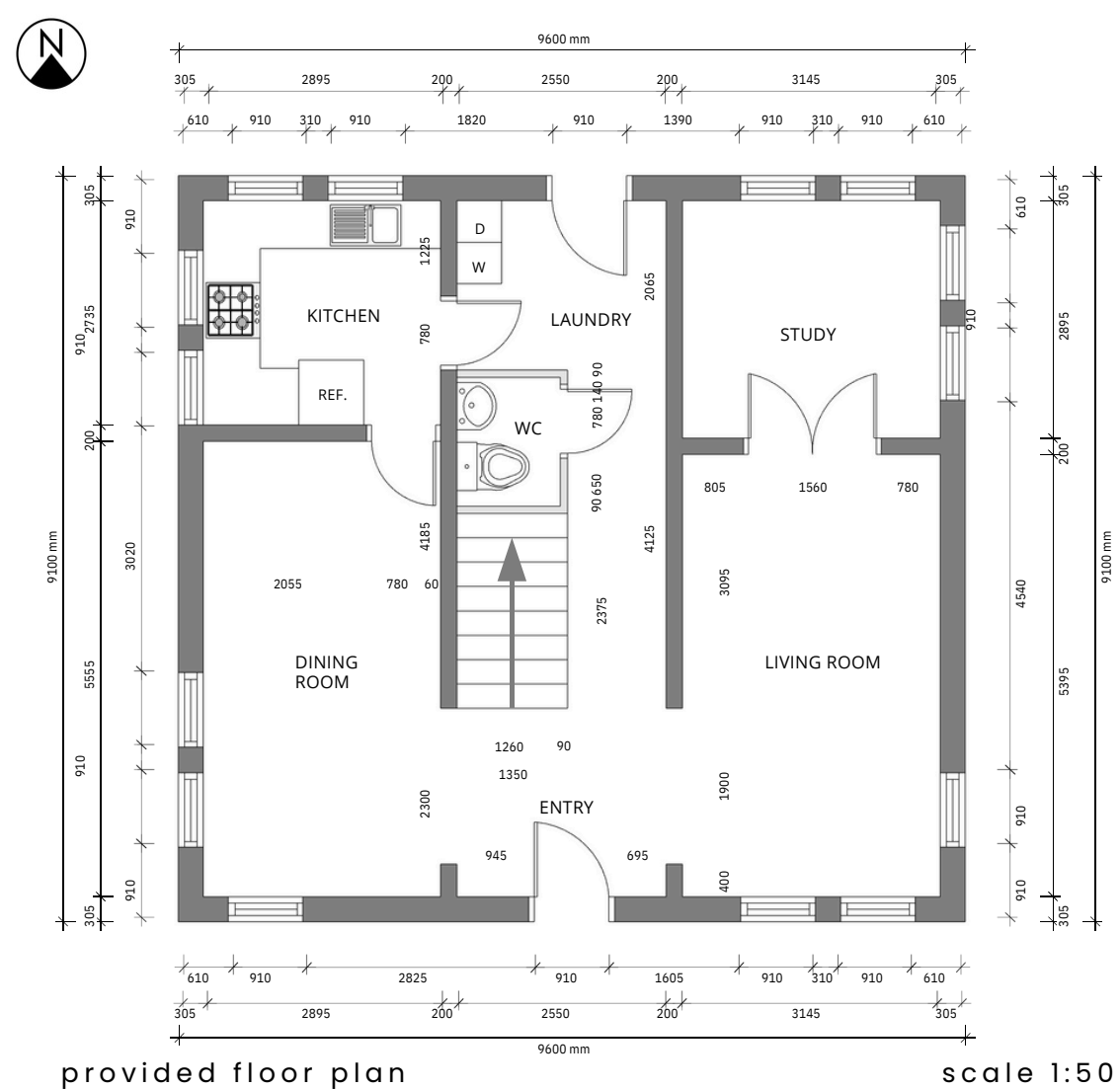
- 1. Aegina Rattan Floor Lamp, Home Centre UAE;
- 2. Fig tree (Ficus Carica), Greenie.
- 3. Kids Rattan Hamper with lid, Zara Home;
- 4. 'Balance' Limited Edition Art Photography, Yellow Korner;
- 5. Manilla Tan, Dulux Arabia;
- 6. Kitten White, Dulux Arabia;
- 7. Erik Leather Wing Chair, West Elm;
- 8. Velum Beige Fiber Glass Pot, HomeKode;
- 9. Mid-Century Mini Console - Acorn, West Elm;
- 10. Seagrass basket with lid, Zara Home;
- 11. Ivory EUROPEAN FLAX™ - Certified Linen Window Curtain Panel, Crate&Barrel;
- 12. Ivory Weave - Natural off White Woven Rug, HomeKode;
- 13. Large Boucle Off-White Round Pouf/Ottoman, HomeKode;
- 14. Set of 2 Walnut Floating Shelves, One Nine Furniture;
- 15. Ceramic Jar, Zara Home;
- 16. Ceramic Burner Stand, Zara Home;
- 17. Handcrafted Natural Wood Pendant Lampshade, Very Designs;
- 18. XL Black Arch Full Length Mirror, HomeKode;
- 19. Textured Decorative Vase, Zara Home;
- 20. Boho Beige Cushion Covers, Set of 2, DecorUhome;
- 21. ViewSonic HDR Ultra Short Throw Smart Laser Projector X2000L 4K, SharafDG;
- 22. Mid-Century Wall Mounted Nightstand - Acorn, West Elm;
- 23. Lana Upholstered Bed+ Serta Mattress PreMedium (King size), West Elm;
- 24. Nordic Rattan Chandelier Japanese Handmade Pendant, Very Designs;

BEFORE: SITE EVALUATION

budget 20,000\$

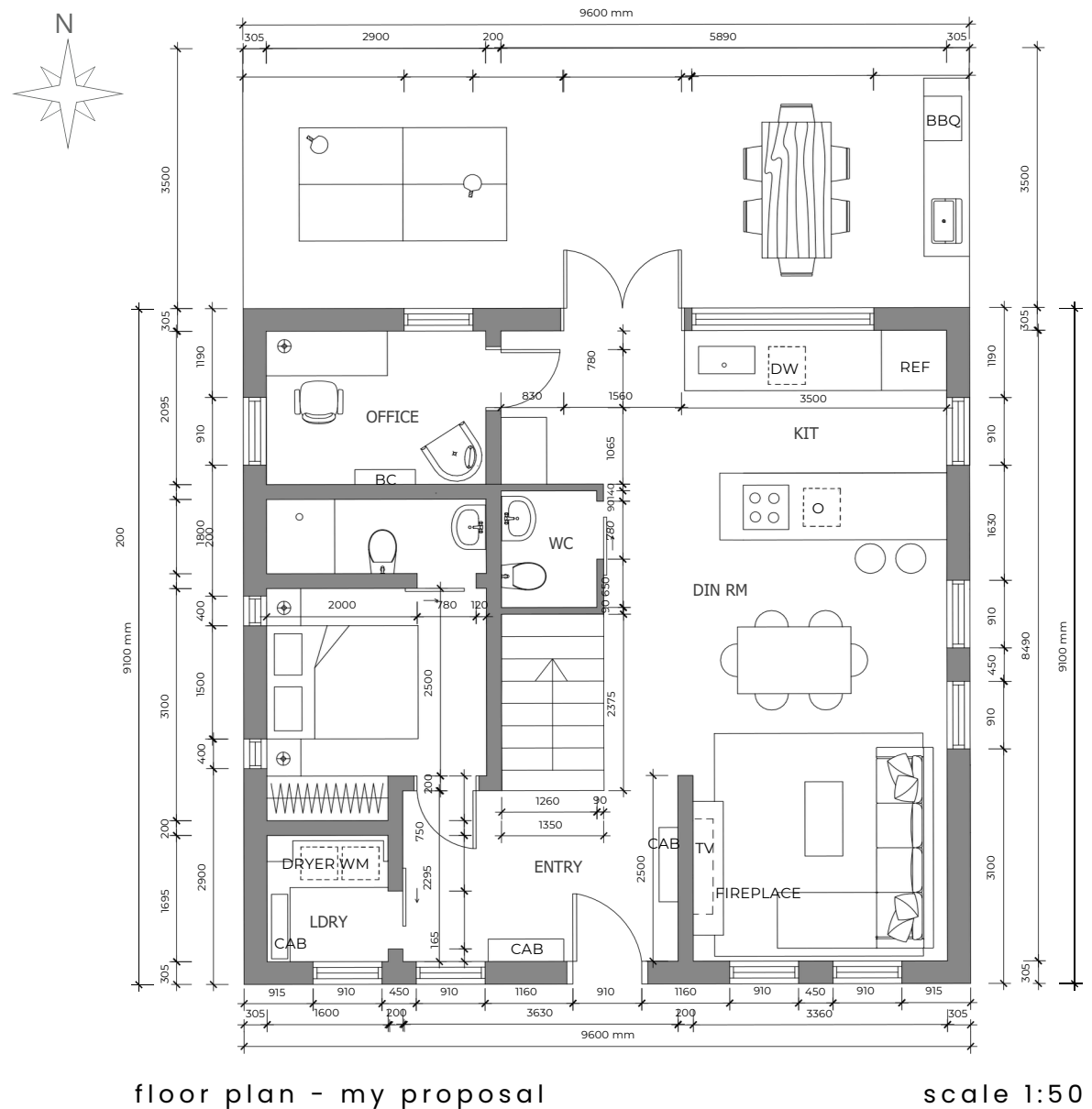


GROUND FLOOR RENOVATION: SPACE PLANNING



AFTER

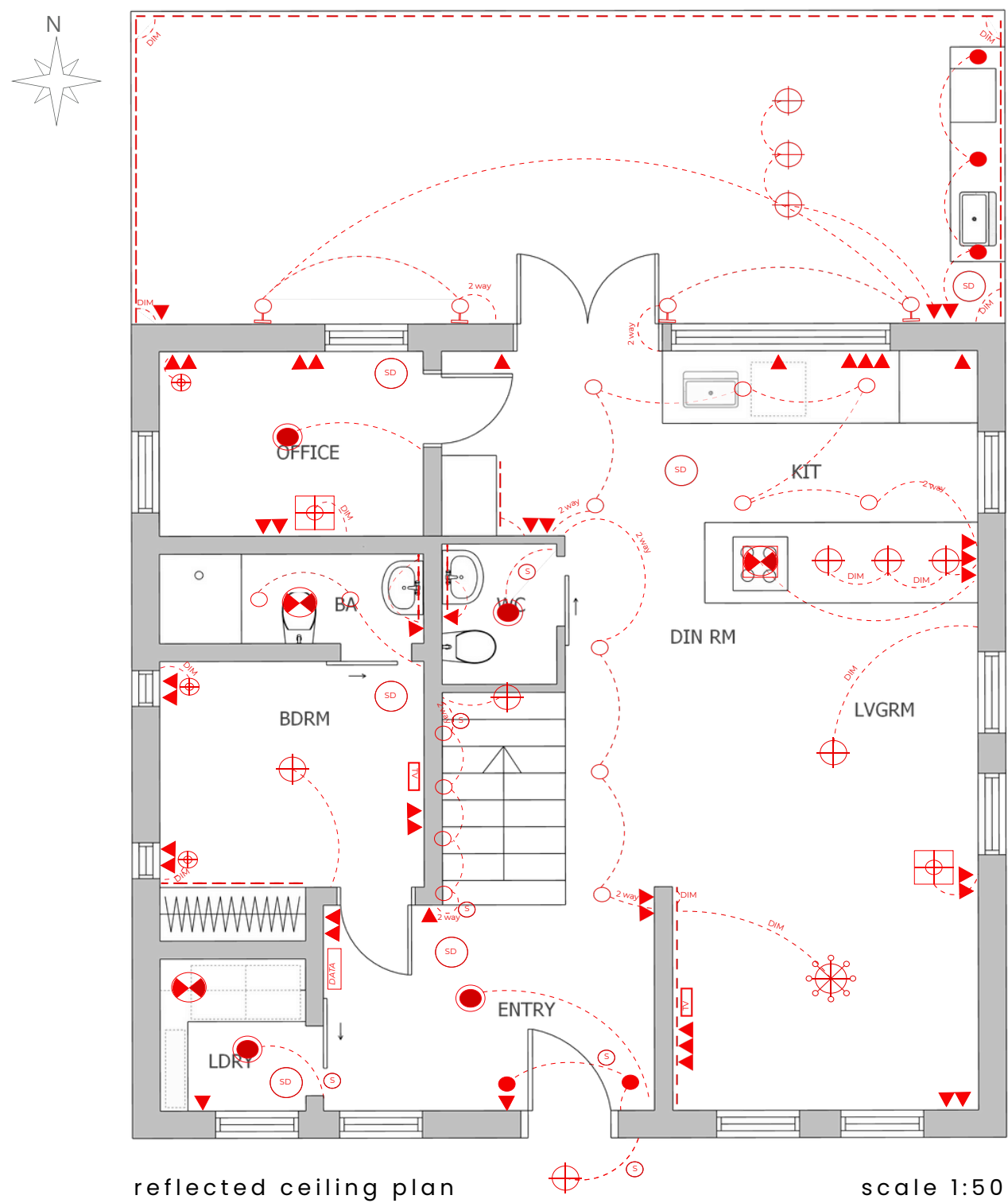
open plan design incorporating living, dining and kitchen - opening to the newly added terraced backyard with BBQ area  
guest bedroom and bathroom have been added  
position of windows and doors have been adjusted to fit new design



BEFORE

client feels isolated in the kitchen, she would like to have an extra room and bathroom while keeping WC, laundry and study room; there is a big backyard facing North  
perimeter walls and the walls supporting the upper staircase are load-bearing and cannot be removed; non-structural walls can be removed, position of windows and doors can be changed





## NEW WIRING

### INDOORS

- recessed downlights and two way switches in the open living area for general lighting
- adequate amount of GPOs for comfort
- stair lights with PIR motion sensor; motion sensor in entrance, WC, bathroom and laundry room for comfort
- dimming control systems in living, dining and bedrooms
- ventilation incorporated into lighting in kitchen, laundry and bathroom area

### OUTDOORS

- dimmable LED strip surrounding the terrace
- 2 way switches for general lighting for convenience
- task lighting for BBQ area

#### KEY:

|  |                             |  |                           |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
|  | WIRING                      |  | RECESSED DOWNLIGHT        |
|  | TWO WAY SWITCH              |  | SURFACE MOUNTED DOWNLIGHT |
|  | DIMMING                     |  | CEILING MOUNTED FIXTURE   |
|  | SINGLE GPO                  |  | CHANDELIER                |
|  | DOUBLE GPO                  |  | SUSPENDED PENDANT         |
|  | TRIPPLE GPO                 |  | WALL MOUNTED FIXTURE      |
|  | TV POINT                    |  | LED STRIP LIGHTING        |
|  | DATA POINT / WIFI           |  | BAR SPOT (3 LIGHT)        |
|  | SENSOR                      |  | STANDING LAMP             |
|  | EXHAUST FAN                 |  | TABLE LAMP                |
|  | EXHAUST FAN, HEAT AND LIGHT |  |                           |
|  | SMOKE DETECTOR              |  |                           |

GROUND FLOOR RENOVATION: COLOUR SCHEME PROPOSAL

ANALOGOUS COLOUR SCHEME

CONCEPT

vibrant open living balanced out by off-white colours with neutral tile flooring

charming yellow entrance doors

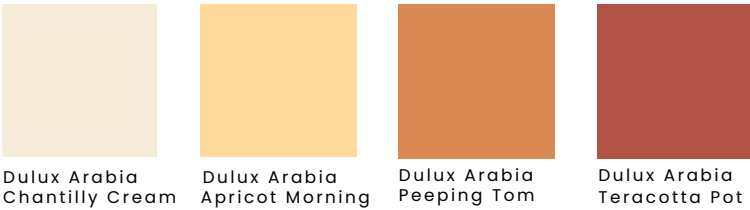
bold bathroom and WC design with terracotta walls and ceiling paired with teracotta and terazzo tiles

energetic guest bedroom with orange accent wall

PAINTED SURFACES



ACCENT COLOURS



FLOORING



| AREA                                                                | COLOUR      | PAINT NAME/CODE                                | PAINT FINISH                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| front door & front door frame                                       | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Apricot Morning<br>33YY 74/360 | Dulux<br>Weathershield,<br>gloss |
| doors, windows & frames                                             | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Brave Baby<br>67YY88/044       | Dulux<br>Weathershield,<br>gloss |
| cornice.<br>architraves &<br>skirting boards                        | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Brave Baby<br>67YY88/044       | Dulux<br>Easy Clean,<br>silk     |
| ceiling                                                             | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Brave Baby<br>67YY88/044       | Dulux<br>Ambiance,<br>matt       |
| open living accent wall: east and south wall (dining & living room) | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Peeping Tom<br>80YR 34/468     | Dulux<br>Easy Clean,<br>silk     |
| guest bedroom accent wall: west wall                                | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Peeping Tom<br>80YR 34/468     | Dulux<br>Easy Clean,<br>silk     |
| open space: kitchen, dining & living room remaining walls           | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Chantilly Cream 38YY 85/096    | Dulux<br>Easy Clean,<br>silk     |
| guest bedroom: remaining walls                                      | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Chantilly Cream 38YY 85/096    | Dulux<br>Easy Clean,<br>silk     |
| entry, stairs, laundry, hallway, office walls                       | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Chantilly Cream 38YY 85/096    | Dulux<br>Easy Clean,<br>silk     |
| guest bathroom and WC: walls and ceiling                            | <div></div> | Dulux Arabia<br>Teracotta Pot<br>26YR 18/404   | Dulux<br>Easy Clean,<br>silk     |

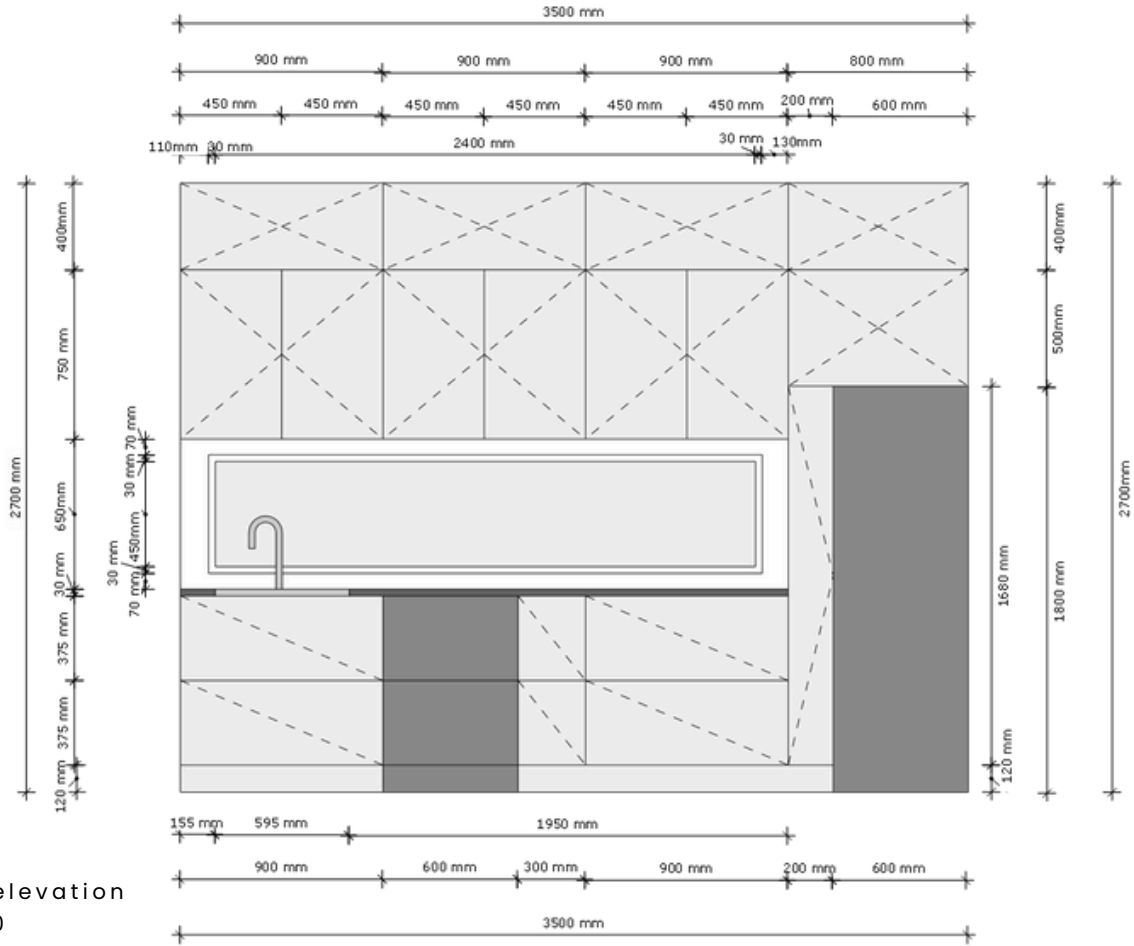
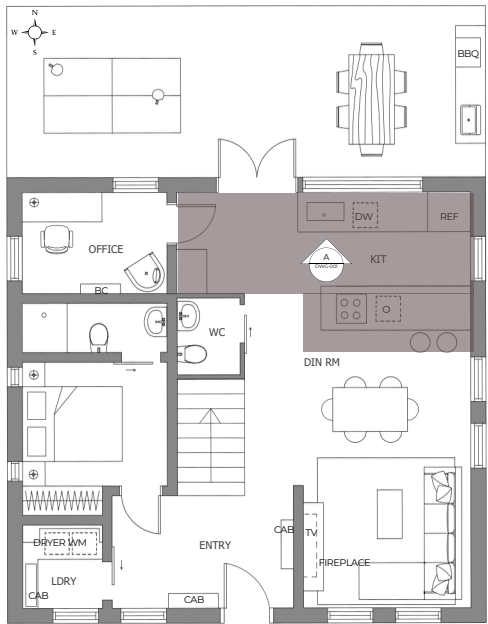




GROUND FLOOR RENOVATION: KITCHEN ELEVATION & MATERIAL BOARD

INTERNAL ELEVATION

- 1. SINK: White ceramic Butler Sink with overflow; Danube Home;
- 2. FLOOR: Ceramic tile Alicante, RAK Ceramics;
- 3. WALLS: Dulux Arabia Chantilly Cream;
- 4. UPPER CABINETRY/CEILING: Dulux Arabia Brave Baby;
- 5. HOOD: Copper Caple VEL410CO Print Vela Island Cooker Hood, Appliance City;
- 6. BACKSPLASH: Orkney Terracotta Ceramic Metro tiles; My Stone Floor;
- 7. COUNTERTOP: Quantra Quartz; Ideal Surfaces;
- 8. TAP: Tapron Copper Kitchen Tap with Pull Out Spray;
- 9. LOWER CABINETRY: Frojered front-Metod base cabinetry with hidden handles; IKEA;



MATERIAL BOARD

This kitchen design blends modern elegance with timeless, inviting design. Clean, minimalistic cabinetry layout maximizes functionality. 2,4m long window acts as a backsplash - this way it floods the space with natural light and serves as a beautiful focal point, connecting kitchen with outdoors. Off-white tones complemented by natural bamboo used for cabinetry create calming atmosphere, while terracotta tiles and copper accents provide visual interest -as rich, striking accent of texture and colour.

GROUND FLOOR RENOVATION: SAMPLE BOARDS

KITCHEN

1. Terrazzo Bacio Square Terrazzo Tile, Design Tegels;

2. Dulux Arabia Terracotta Pot, Dulux;

3. Look Pendant Round Spotlight, lightdubai;

4. Ceiling Mounted Exhaust Light With Fan, Beacon Lighting;

5. Bernstein Round Mirror with LED Light & Sensor, Eqwep;

6. Vitra Medium Basin Tap, Eqwep;

7. vidaXL Natural Marble Stone Sink Square, vidaXL;

8. Orkney Terracotta Ceramic Metro tiles, My Stone Floor;

9. Vitra Aquaheat Bliss 2 Jet All-In-One Thermostatic Full Shower System With Mixer, Eqwep;

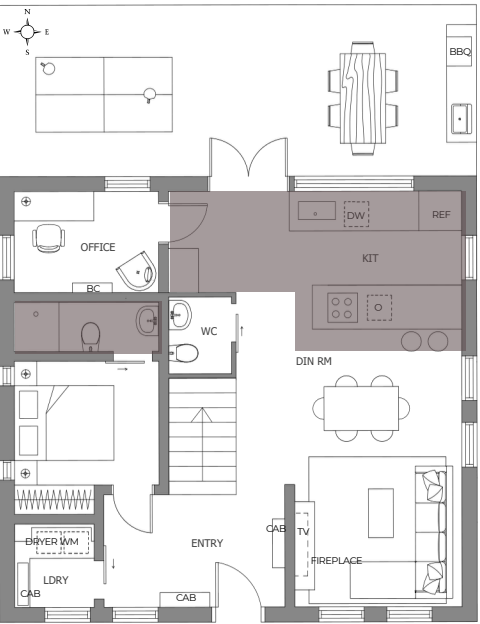
10. Milano Wetroom Shower Screen Panel, Big Bathroom Shop;

11. Ceramic Bathroom Dispenser with border, Zara;

12. Memory foam Bath Mat, West Elm;

13. RAK Rimless back to wall WC, RAK Ceramics;

14. Frojered front with Metod base cabinetry, IKEA;



1. Plantation Shutters LVL+, Emirates Shutters;

2. Dulux Arabia Brave Baby (ceiling);

3. Dulux Arabia Chantilly Cream (walls);

4. Groove LED spotlight, lightdubai;

5. Caple VEL410CO Print Vela Island Cooker Hood, appliance city;

6. Sky Pendant square Spotlight, lightdubai;

7. Quantra Quartz; Ideal Surfaces;

8. Frojered front with Metod base cabinetry; IKEA;

9. Orkney Terracotta Ceramic Metro tiles; My Stone Floor;

10. Tapron Copper Kitchen Tap with Pull Out Spray; Tapron;

11. Ceramic tile Alicante, RAK Ceramics;

12. Butler Sink with overflow; Danube Home;

13. JANINGE bar stool; Ikea;

14. Savannah Tall Pantry Storage Cabinet; Crosley Furniture;

15. Burhult shelf; IKEA;

BATHROOM

The colour palette brings a sense of Mediterranean charm while maintaining modern edge. Copper accents and fixtures add a touch of luxury, where warm metallic finish complements the earthy hues of tiling. Both marble sink in the bathroom and off-white quartz sink in the kitchen offer a beautiful contrast to the rustic texture of terracotta. Sleek, copper hood above kitchen island serves as an easthetic focal point, adding a touch of industrial flair to the space.



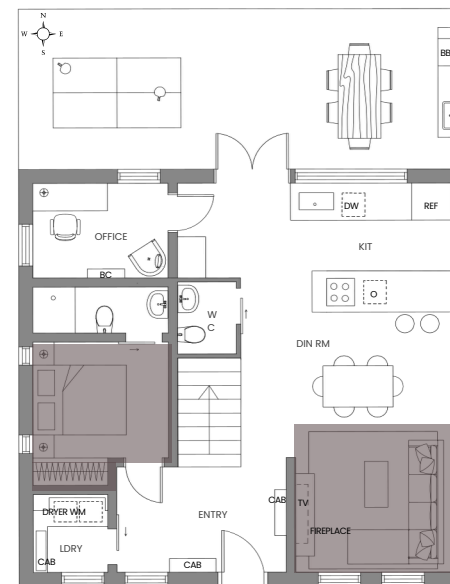


## PROJECT 03

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# GROUND FLOOR RENOVATION: SAMPLE BOARDS

## LIVING ROOM



## GUEST BEDROOM

The warm colour palette of brown, orange, terracotta and off-white along with orange accent walls create inviting, intimate atmosphere. The guest bedroom embraces a cozy, mid-century modern vibe, where the striking red bedframe serves as a bold centerpiece. In the living room the modular sectional sofa exudes a plump, modern look that invited relaxation while maintaining a sleek, contemporary feel. Organic-shaped chandelier and orange accents add an elegant, artistic touch to the room's overall simplicity.

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