



warm embrace

Bold colour, playful designs and a love of pattern come together in Lara and Travis's Melbourne home

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DECK Wrapping around the northern and western sides of Lara and Travis's home, the generous wooden terrace leads out from the living area, creating a relaxing outdoor space that the couple can enjoy with their children, Alexander and Grace. Protected by the roof line from the sun's glare, a long, built-in bench offers plenty of room, even for Pyper the Maltier.



LIVING AREA Lara wanted an airy open-plan living area. "We were running out of space and desperately wanted a comfortable family home that had enough room for everyone," she says. Interior designer Carolyn had to fight to get Lara and Travis to agree on its north-facing position. "It didn't make sense to us, but we conceded and are now eternal converts to north-facing rooms," says Lara. A collection of orange and black cushions, sourced from Retail Therapy ID, on a grey-toned Plush sofa creates a cosy seating zone, while a Roy Lichtenstein print adds personality. >