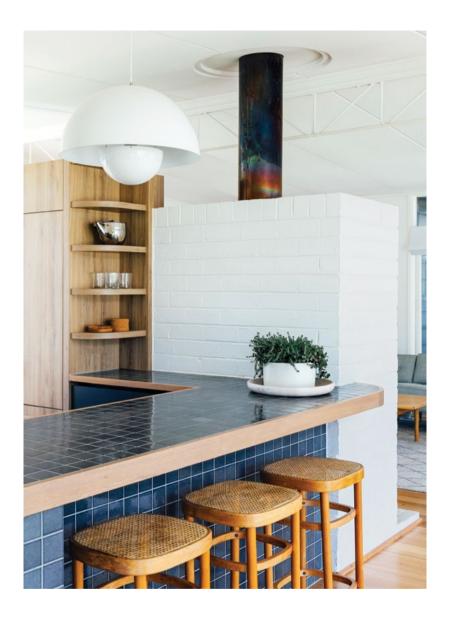
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## Portsea Beach Shack

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Natural White and Blue Sou'wester Dulux 2pac. Timber laminate shelving in Natural Chalet Oak by Duropal. MirraEcho mirror splashback in clear by Viridian. Minokoyo mosaic tiles from Academy Tiles. LIGHTING

Louis Poulsen ceiling-mount lights and Flowerpot pendant light in white by &Tradition from CULT.

FIXED & FITTED

90cm free standing cooker from Smeg.
Rangehood from Qasair. Fully integrated fridge
by Fisher & Paykel. Fully integrated diswasher
from Asko. Tap mixer in brushed nickel from
Phoenix. 'Squircle' Tasmanian Oak joinery
handles by Auburn Woodturning.

each houses are all about enjoying laidback times with family and friends. Portsea Beach Shack on the Mornington Peninsula is the holiday home of a fun, creative, professional couple with a young daughter. They engaged Pleysier Perkins to update and extend their classic 1960s beach house to improve the function and internal flow of the kitchen and living area and to create a better connection to the outdoors.

The kitchen is relaxed and robust; an open and comfortable space for family and friends to gather around. A play of coloured and textured materials – glazed tiles, timber joinery, stainless steel, white painted brick and V-groove boards – maintain the beach house vibe and evoke the spirit of mid-century architecture and design. "The client loved the handcrafted ideology of mid-century design and the subtle cracked effect of the glazed Japanese tiles are in keeping with the charm of the house," says interior designer Elise Burton. The blue-tiled benchtop and timber joinery hug the existing brick chimney, and curved corners visually soften the straight lines of the architecture.

A stainless-steel bench provides a hardwearing surface for food preparation and dishes. The pantry and fridge are located where kids can easily come and go. And a freestanding cooker is large enough for casual summer soirées. "It's all about sharing good times," says Elise.

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