



# Home FROM HOME

With a few minor alterations and a subtle decor scheme, Bruce Fyfe & Associates turned this compact apartment into a welcoming holiday pad for their client

LEFT: CRYSTAL ROSE/STYLING; MIRROR: BENEDECT; OTTOMAN: OUT THE BOX TRADING; SOFA: COUNTRY KITCHENS; CHAIR: KARRIN HATFIELD



If you travel frequently, what you really want from your home away from home is comfort, light and a lack of fuss. And this is exactly what the owner of this *proef-à-terre* in Umhlanga specified. Not only would this apartment function as a holiday pad, it would also be his stopover while on business trips to Durban.

Design firm Bruce Fyfe & Associates was given carte blanche to take the empty shell and transform it into a contemporary, but comfortable home. As the apartment had a rather closed layout, Bruce and his associate, Kelsey Boyd, first opened it up by removing a passage wall to create a greater sense of space. To bring light into the windowless en suite bathrooms they replaced the walls separating them from the bedrooms with frosted glass sliding doors.

"A great way to create the illusion of space in a small area is to paint the skirting boards the same colour as the walls, which are in China White from Dulux. This also worked well in the kitchen where we

OPPOSITE PAGE: The black John Vogel chair from Karin Hatfield, a mirrored drum table from Design Benedict and a standard lamp make a design statement in this corner of the living room. INSET: In the entrance hall, wallpaper from Casadeco's Long Island range from Halogen International adds a touch of glamour. Instead of a hall table, a shelf with drawers was wall mounted to save floor space. The ottoman is from Out the Box Trading. LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: ● The floating cabinet in the living room is topped with bamboo and was designed by Bruce Fyfe & Associates and manufactured by Country Kitchens. ● A large mirror from Stepping Stone Studio and a glass chandelier from Light Co add interest to the dining area. The Pierre Grange table is from Karin Hatfield and the candleholders are from Cécile and Boyd's.