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UP ON THE ROOF

This contemporary townhouse is compact and practical, with stunning views from the terrace.

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Shannon, Nadine and Heide in the kitchen and living space which features a CDK Stone bench-top and coffee tables by Tait. The rug was bought at Leonard Joel Auction House.

The home

A newly built four-level, two-bedroom townhouse in inner-Melbourne's Fitzroy. A rooftop terrace provides views of the city and the northern suburbs.

Who lives here

Shannon Peach, co-director of Milieu Property, with partner Nadine Denison, an account manager for *Vogue*, and Heide the weimaraner.

What we did

"Milieu created these five apartments with architecture firm Designoffice, and it was really interesting to play the role of home owner as well as developer," says Shannon. "It is designed to be compact, practical and sustainable, utilising passive solar heating and rainwater tanks."

Our favourite room

"The upstairs guest bedroom we use as a second dining space – the view over the Fitzroy heritage rooftops still amazes me every morning."

The 'hood

"I love the contrast between the area's bustling high streets and the quaint leafy back streets, where you feel as though you're walking through a village."

Future plans

"None in the short term, but starting a family might mean we eventually outgrow this place."

Best advice

"Try to adhere to 'less is more', although it's easier in theory than in practice."



Large recessed windows double as seats to enjoy the district views. The colourful weaving hanging above the stairs is by artist Samson Martin.



Colourful woodblock prints by Ellie Malin sit atop Vitsoe shelving. The "Sphere" light is from Hub Furniture and the Artek "K65" stools from Anibou.



"We love the panoramic view over the trees of Fitzroy Primary School and the patchwork of rooftops leading to the Melbourne skyline," says Shannon.



The development's exterior features stained timber cladding and black-framed steel windows. Five compact townhouses sit on a 230-square-metre block.