

love it

When it comes to floral arrangements, less can be more. Like Georgie, pop single stems in vases or glass bottles – easy and effective.



Another favourite part of the home is the garden, which has become a major joy and focus for Georgie, who sees it as an extension of the interior. The garden is decorated with eye-catching features, including mosaics, timber rose supports, water features and seats laden with cushions.

"I wasn't especially interested in gardening before I moved to the country. My gorgeous mother-in-law started the garden and over time I realised that a garden was an opportunity to continue decorating," she says.

The garden has various distinct elements to it, including a tennis court, a formal herb garden, a vegie garden, a pavilion smothered in ornamental grapevine and wisteria, and a chicken run with four chooks and a rooster.

"We never have enough eggs because the children just love anything with eggs, and most weekends we'll be doing bacon and eggs for breakfast," Georgie says.

She recently redecorated her home's interior so the picture-perfect garden views from the home's many windows could take centre stage.

"I decluttered because I wanted the garden to be the feature when

Shadow & light

The home is surrounded by beautiful verandas (left)

Good sport

A basket full of racquets and bats is both a practical and visual pleasure (above right)

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>> you entered the living space. It was about bringing the outdoors inside."

One of the Leckys' most treasured family pastimes is picking produce from the vegie garden, which offers an abundance of tomatoes, zucchinis, leeks, potatoes and more. The harvest that brings the most joy for the family is after the first autumn rains.

"We all gather our buckets and go mushrooming in the paddocks," Georgie says. "The excitement on the children's faces when we spot our first mushrooms is priceless."

In the country home of the imagination, you'd find fresh-cut flowers in vases dotted about the place – and that's exactly what you find here.

"It's so easy to do fresh flowers," Georgie says. "You cut one fabulous stem and take it inside, as opposed to trying to create whole arrangements. I just cut a stem and pop it into a vase or teapot or bottle." 🏠



Peace & quiet

One of Georgie's bedheads graces the main bedroom (above)

Feel at home

Earthy tones and comfy furniture add to the country look (right)



postscript

with
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Your most sentimental piece?
A quilt hand-embroidered by my godmother that was a gift for the nursery on the arrival of Eliza.

Your interior-design inspiration?
Elsie de Wolfe, an American legend in the world of interior design in the early 1900s. Her decorating philosophy – simplicity, suitability and proportion – stands true not just in interiors. She also saw the garden as an architectural space, another place where she might make beauty.

Your own personal decorating philosophy?
Two parts fabric and one part beautiful pieces of furniture that come together over time.

Three favourite shopping haunts?
Radford Furnishings, Hawthorn – it is a fabulous place to visit to be inspired with texture and colour by leading designers; Morris Brown, Healesville – for fabulous decorative finishes made from recycled materials; Perfect Pieces, Hawthorn and South Yarra – for classic furniture at reasonable prices.