

Hare + Klein

Sydney, New South Wales,
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Private Residence, Living Room
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Industry veteran Meryl Hare's approach to interiors is neatly encapsulated in the title of her 2014 book, *Texture Colour Comfort*. Providing insight into the three ingredients that sit as the bedrock of her decorating ethos, it's a winning formula that has seen Hare occupy the forefront of Australia's design scene for thirty years.

South African-born Hare lived in Zambia and Swaziland before relocating to Sydney in 1988, where she established Hare + Klein, her acclaimed interiors firm, the following year. However, as a newly arrived immigrant, Hare was initially devoid of clients or the much-needed connections with local suppliers. It was a disadvantage that her determination bulldozed aside: by 2011, Hare had been inducted into the Design Institute of Australia's Hall of Fame.

Hare shies away from pigeonholing her style, preferring instead to remain guided by each client's individual needs. Such an attitude has won her commissions that range from a converted warehouse home in Sydney to thatched villas at an exclusive five-star hotel resort in Fiji. But despite this diversity, a common thread links her projects: gracefully layered textures, a warm color palette, and generously proportioned spaces that promote a sense of ease.

At Cliff Top House—a private property that boasts a spectacular location overlooking Sydney's Bondi Beach—Hare's tactile approach can be seen in the raw, natural materials used throughout. The white-washed dining room features light installations draped in a material akin to a fishing net, which hang above a rustic wooden table; a cozy, taupe lounge is furnished with jute carpeting and relaxed, low-level seating in leather and wicker.

Elegant yet comfortable, it's a home that invites its residents to relax. For Hare, that's her foremost consideration. "We place a lot of emphasis on comfort," she confided in a conversation with a local furniture company. "It's the great luxury in a home."



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