

BERTOIA FULLY UPHOLSTED  
DINING CHAIRS SIT AROUND  
A PLATNER DINING TABLE  
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*Asserting that contrasts  
can collide for the better,  
the Fitzroy House provides  
an organic, warm and  
welcoming space right in  
the heart of the city.*

An inner-city dwelling reminiscent of a cosy workers cottage, Fitzroy House boasts the juxtaposition that so many architects attempt, but few achieve so superbly. It was a refurbishment by Hecker Guthrie — in collaboration with JCB Architects — that saw a refusal to let location or space act as restrictions to the home's potential. The resulting single-floored, two-bedroom apartment, designed with a couple or a small family in mind, feels as commodious and as welcoming as any large home.

Floor-to-ceiling windows and doors fill the space with natural light, encouraging a spatial flow that's usually sacrificed when it comes to smaller, inner-city living. Likewise, the melange of warm and earthy materials are more evocative