



Interior decorator Jill Flint (below) used custom-made furniture and Mokum fabrics to add warmth to this holiday home



# RURAL *retreat*

BUILT FROM RAMMED EARTH AND GLASS, THIS HOME IS IN TUNE WITH ITS NATURAL SURROUNDS

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**P**erched on a hilltop at Inman Valley this new home is exposed to the elements including the southern Fleurieu Peninsula's strong winds but with its rammed earth, steel and glass construction it appears ready for anything.

It is home away from home for an Adelaide-based couple with adult children who have long since left the nest and was designed by Williams Burton architects.

A wall of windows to the south of the property and extensive use of glass throughout ensures rural views from all areas of the three-bedroom home.

Interior decorator Jill Flint of The Living Room was given the task of furnishing the property and was keen to emphasise the texture and natural colours of the rammed earth walls and slate fireplace.

"I came down when it was under construction and there were no windows or tiles, just the rammed earth," she says.

"I knew texture would be important - I was

worried about it looking too cold with all the tiles, glass and steel."

The clients wanted a property that was relaxing and well set up for entertaining but had few specific demands, which helped to make the project a dream job for Jill.

The Travertine stone tile for the living areas and carpet shade for the bedrooms had already been chosen, leaving Jill with the job of furnishing the property in a way that defined each space but provided some cohesiveness.

She used fabrics as the starting point for the project, choosing richly textured styles to provide warmth and colour.

Mokum fabrics have been used in combination with custom-made furniture, including the beds, sofas and tables, throughout the home.

"It's a fantastic house and I wanted furniture that really complemented it," Jill says.

The extra-long sofas in the main living area feature Mokum's Pino fabric, while the dining table is made from distressed timber and the café chairs have been covered in Mokum Fez (ebony), a heavily textured style which helps to marry the stone and timber finishes.

The holiday home has high ceilings and white walls throughout and natural light streams in through the many windows, which are double glazed but have been kept free of curtains. Jill has used rugs and cushions to add extra warmth.

The property is indeed an entertainer's retreat with a large kitchen featuring a timber benchtop and Rayburn wood stove; covered courtyard with pizza oven and a temperature-controlled wine room.

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