

Designer comfort



BEFORE

Now this was a property that was in dire need of an update. Cluttered with a clumsy design scheme, the home lacked cohesion or any real design theme. We wanted to really open the space up and create a more unified feeling and the first place to start was the floor. The old, outdated carpet was headed straight for the skip and was replaced by what looks like a stylish glossy timber floor, but is actually a timber-look floor made from vinyl. Straight away the reflective qualities of the floor gave new dimension to the room. The next biggest offender on the must-go list was the red exposed brick walls. A bit

of gyprock and the sinful red wall was banished forever. Then for a new lick of paint. We chose a white base to paint the whole area. Then we added a single feature wall in a warm grey. To bring this across to the other side of the room, we used the same colour to paint a feature square around our artwork to really make it pop. Then it was time for furniture. Big comfy pieces were bought in and the relocation of it really opened up the space. The finishing touches of the designer occasional chair and stunning cushions from cushiontemple.com.au finished the comfortable designer look off.

Designers are often accused of putting style above comfort but here **Richie Stevens** shows us you can have comfort and style in your home



AFTER



RICHIE'S TIPS

Give an old lampshade a new lease of life with the addition of some colour co-ordinated ribbon. A hot glue gun is all you'll need to glue the ribbon on to the lampshade. We used green and grey toned ribbon to tie the new lamp into the room's new colour scheme perfectly.



When painting feature walls or squares, make sure you use painters' tape. It's easy to apply and easy to peel off – and best of all is your lines and edges will be straight.