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A custom design



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Rendition Homes were experts at thinking outside the square when it came to building this couple's family-friendly custom design

ONE-OFF: Lampin and Elita have created a unique family home.



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Lampin and Elita A'vard couldn't build just any house on their allotment – they needed a custom design.

"We had to get something that would work with our block, it's quite a steep block," Lampin says.

They chose Rendition Homes after discovering the builder specialised in unconventional allotments and would also work within their budget. "That's why we chose to go with them,"

Lampin says. "We looked at other builders but everything was an upgrade.

"They were the only ones who could custom design for us without it being a transportable on stilts."

Lampin and Elita, who have four children – Justice, Real, Atalia and Deklan – worked with a Rendition Homes consultant to come up with a design with ceilings to 2.7m.

Decor-wise the couple wanted a modern, neutral palette of black, white and grey, so their home wouldn't date. They have, of course, dressed it up with furnishings, accessories and paintings, Lampin being an artist.

"We wanted to keep everything neutral so we could change the house easily," he says.

The home has five bedrooms, two bathrooms and an open-plan kitchen, dining and living area on the upper floor, while downstairs there is a double garage, office/workshop and a home theatre room, which Lampin says is an "adults' retreat".

"We designed the house around the fact that we are parents and have children," Lampin says.

"We've got four little kids

who one day will be teenagers and it's important for them to have their own space. It's important for everyone to have their space.

"It's a family-friendly design, a home designed to be practical for families."

The large master suite is the ultimate parents' retreat with a balcony, generous ensuite and two walk-in robes.

The couple opted to put a bath in the ensuite rather than in the family bathroom, which has a shower. "We thought it would be nice to relax in for us, and because the kids live a

very busy lifestyle, they don't have a lot of time to lay in the bath," Lampin says.

"Plus, we have a massive ensuite so we had to fill it."

The bedrooms and stairs have

carpet – which is party-proof in the children's rooms – for warmth and also to minimise any household noise, while the wet areas have tiles and the traffic and living areas have jarrah timber floors.

Rendition Homes also gave Elita and Lampin freedom in regards to fixtures and fittings.

The kitchen has two-tone cupboards, an island bench, large walk-in pantry and stainless-steel appliances.

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