

HOYT HOUSE

Krause Emperor bricks add character to a stunning, multi-layered facade



Feature brickwork, large open breezeways, seamlessly interconnecting living spaces, and a beautiful combination of water, greenery and natural materials are the hallmarks of Hoyt House in Hampton. This liveable, warm and inviting three-bedroom family home exudes casual luxury at every thoughtful detail. So it's no surprise that the team at mckimm is the talent behind this timeless, forever home.

The team's spectacular design begins with a rectilinear form and a multi-layered façade of bricks, concrete and glass, providing a feast of finishes and textures that continues throughout the home's interior. "Our design team selected the material palette with the goal of layering natural materials such as timber, brick, concrete and steel," comments mckimm.

True to mckimm style, unique, high quality materials and immaculate detailing abounds. Take, for instance, the façade's feature brickwork. To be effective, this required a unique, elongated brick and, for this, the Krause Emperor brick, in Mid Range, was the perfect fit. "We were looking for a unique brick that was thin and had a beautiful character. We also wanted the brick to blend in to the other natural elements, such as the American Oak timber of the doorway. And the Krause Emperor Bricks had a great variance of light and dark shades," says mckimm.

Water is another key element used in Hoyt House, beginning with a tranquil water feature at the front entrance, flanked by lush green plantings and cantilevered concrete steps that seem to hover above it. This beautiful feature softens the façade and adds a striking visual interest. Then, in the back garden, the water focus continues, as mckimm sought to, "create a home wrapped around its north-facing pool and where light flooded the main living areas." The result is a u-shaped home where the boundaries between outside and in are beautifully blurred.

In fact, there is nothing but an abundance of natural light in every living space. Floor to ceiling sliding glass panels welcome north facing light into the kitchen and living



areas, seamlessly connecting them and creating a relaxing and open indoor/outdoor connection. Below the main living areas, a bar, wine store, media zone and powder room provide a well-hidden retreat for owners and friends alike.



Of course, the owners simply love their home, and were, "Overwhelmed with the finished product. They loved how the home flowed from one zone to the other, and they loved the natural materials and the way we layered them throughout the home," according to mckimm. There is no doubt that the family of four who live here, along with their guests, will enjoy this comfortable living space for many years to come.

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Product: Krause Emperor Bricks, Mid Range

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