

# Home Beautiful La Boheme



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**Designer's tip**  
"The doors to the laundry are one of my favourite design elements," shares Alexandra. Custom made doors by Dunsell Joinery were painted in Resene Triple Merino to match the kitchen, and the rattan inserts were from House of Bamboo. "They tied everything together," she says.

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**GET THE LOOK**

- 1. 'Colon' basket tiles (50cm x 20cm), \$143/box of 24, Perini.
- 2. 'Woodbury' wicker basket, \$15.95/each, Wicks.
- 3. 'Eden' square kitchen mixer in Brushed Brass, \$304.95, Abt Interiors.
- 4. 'Karek' subway tiles in White (5cm x 20cm), \$139/sqm, Perini.
- 5. Bloomingville 'Daisy' watering can in Gold, \$120, Offshoot.

**Source book**  
Interior design: Studio aem, studioaem.com.au  
Builder: Builders, builders.com.au  
Joinery: Dunsell Joinery



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