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WHEN AUSTRALIA'S YSG Studio opted to call their reno of this 6,210-square-foot vacation home in New South Wales Plantasia, it lived up to the name: a lush, verdant oasis that feels like it sprang from the landscape like the conical red blooms of the banksia shrub. "I like the idea of teasing 'soft' shapes from hard surfaces like timber and stone," says the director of YSG Studio, Yasmine Ghoniem. "In one bathroom, we incorporated beautiful pastel onyx slabs used for open shelving and a counter surface. I exaggerated their thickness and gave them a bullnose edge so their Crayola-like scribbled pattern is really visible on the edges that face you. We made them super thick so they didn't get engulfed in the green wallpaper."

The saturated colors in the house are united by their earthy undertones, "like deep terra-cotta red, chestnuts, and cocoa to balance the vibrant greens in the wallpapers," Ghoniem explains. Some of it takes time to let it sink in. "I'm a fan of a custom chocolate-brown timber credenza in the lounge room," she says. "It's a sweet treat that looks like a puddle of melting chocolate with Malteser-like pulls. You don't spot it immediately in the room, given all of its decorative intensity, which makes it all the more appealing when you do."