

## ROOM WITH A VIEW

**9** A dramatic, cliff-side location drove the brief for this home in Wollongong, NSW, owned by a semi-retired couple. They sought out architecture that would respond to the scale of the surrounds and a tranquil, cocooning interior connected to the views.

**Why it works** In this sitting room the steel and compressed-fibre cement create a shell that is softened with warm reds and textured fabrics. The room offers a sense of shelter, and a front-row seat to the sea. "The clients liked the sense of serenity [in our other work], and the relationship to the natural surroundings, and wanted to achieve something similar," says architect Steven Isaacs.

**Owners' verdict** "Your eyes are drawn alternately to the view and the books inside. The room manages to be lofty and spacious at the same time as it is intimate and cosy." >



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