

Black magic

A budding fashionista gains a new bedroom to suit her designer tastes – within Mum's budget

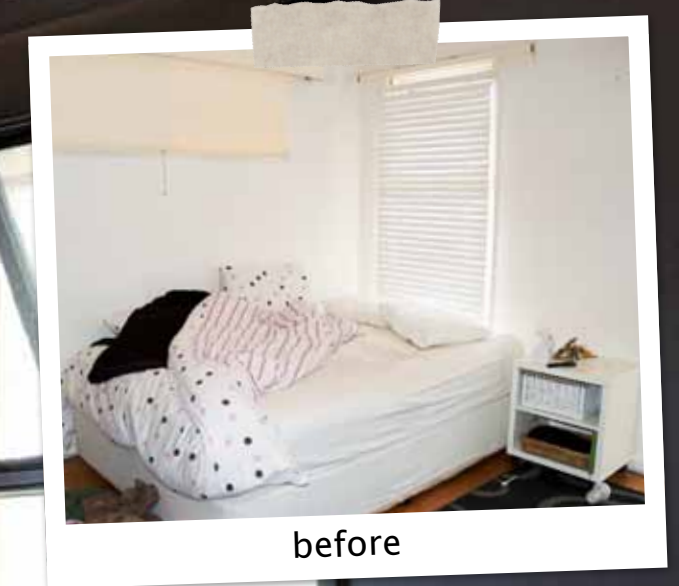
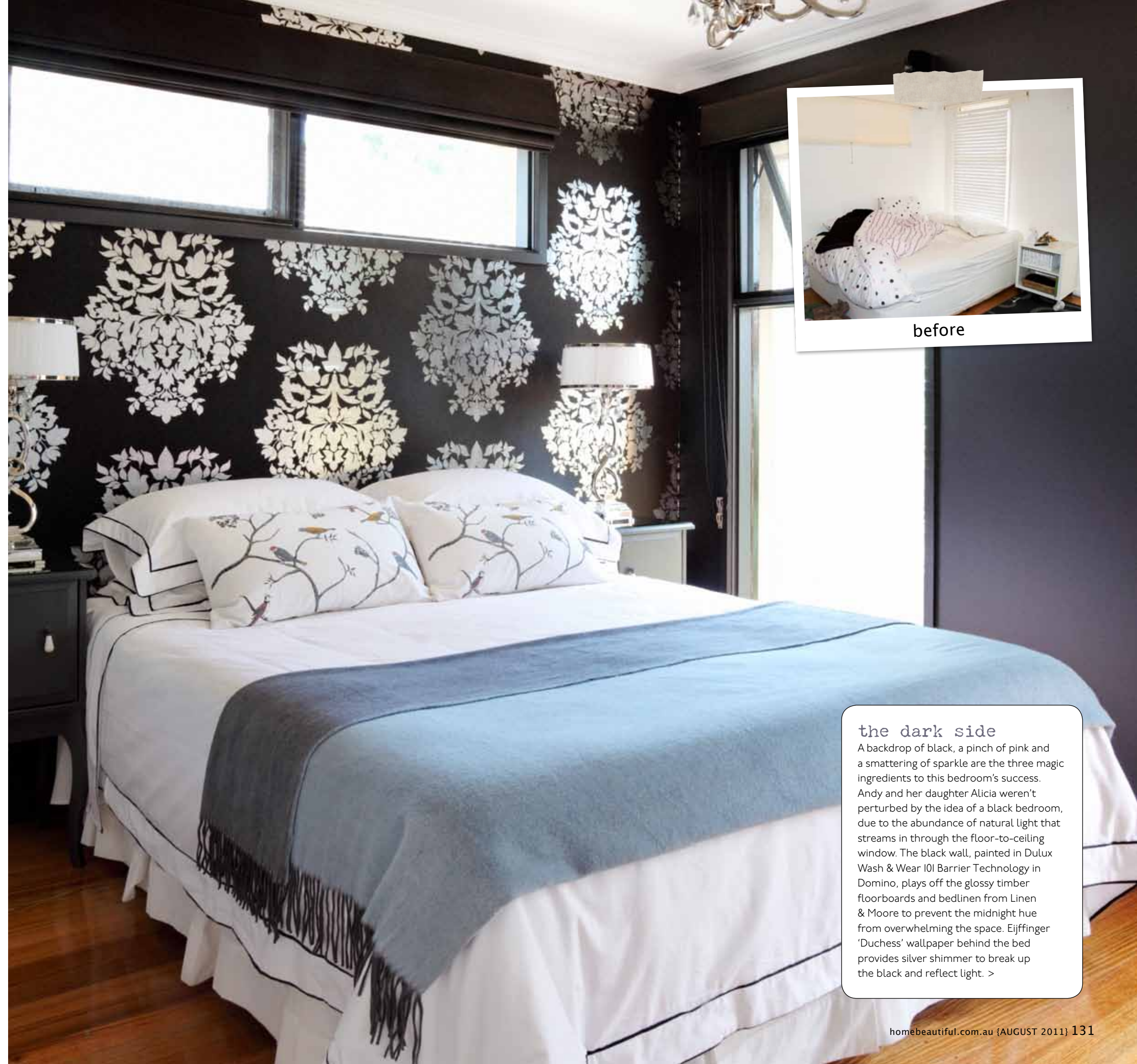
WORDS ANNA KOOREY STYLING SHAYNNA BLAZE
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WITH TWO DAUGHTERS on the brink of adulthood, homeowner Andy has grown accustomed to dealing with ever-changing wishes and fashions. When youngest daughter Alicia requested a bedroom makeover, Andy knew what to do – and, more importantly, who to call. Enter interior designer Shaynna Blaze, who had worked with the family before and was in tune with their style.

Now that Alicia had finished school, she craved a more sophisticated look for her bedroom, while her mother had an eye on the future. "We wanted a room that would take Alicia through the next few years and then easily switch to a guest room when she leaves home, without needing many changes," explains Andy. Alicia had also amassed an extensive hoard of shoes over the years and one of Shaynna's tasks was finding a way to house her collection.

The resulting boudoir is proof that a total transformation can be achieved without many structural changes. Lashings of style and a hard-working walk-in wardrobe were all the bedroom needed to please both budget-conscious mother and fashion-savvy daughter.

"We call it the glamour bedroom now," says Andy with a laugh. The new look is a mix of lavish and purse-friendly buys that work together to create an overall impression of luxe style, like bedside tables from Ikea topped with high-end lamps from Vioré. Andy and Alicia are both so thrilled with the end result, there's nothing they would change. Well, maybe one thing: "I could always have a bigger wardrobe," says Alicia with a smile.



before

the dark side

A backdrop of black, a pinch of pink and a smattering of sparkle are the three magic ingredients to this bedroom's success.

Andy and her daughter Alicia weren't perturbed by the idea of a black bedroom, due to the abundance of natural light that streams in through the floor-to-ceiling window. The black wall, painted in Dulux Wash & Wear 101 Barrier Technology in Domino, plays off the glossy timber floorboards and bedlinen from Linen & Moore to prevent the midnight hue from overwhelming the space. Eijffinger 'Duchess' wallpaper behind the bed provides silver shimmer to break up the black and reflect light. >



divine order

Shaynna's fashion-forward client had a cupboard overflowing with designer threads and was in desperate need of more storage. A new walk-in wardrobe by U-Nique Storage Solutions, fronted by chic fabric panels from Victory Curtains & Blinds, uses every available centimetre for storage.

all in the accessories

Shaynna found the mirrored dressing table at a seconds sale. She covered the tabletop with the same wallpaper that adorns the feature wall and topped it with glass. The chair looks like an expensive designer buy, but it is also a sale find, painted a vibrant pink. For similar try White Knight 'Fluoro Colour' spray in Fluoro Pink. Illumination is provided by twin 'Luxuria' bedside lamps and a chandelier, all from Vioré. 

Budget breakdown

Bedside tables.....	\$179 each
Bedside lamps and chandelier	from \$376 each
Wallpaper	\$1500
Paint.....	\$79
Wardrobe and fabric panels	\$3300
Bedlinen.....	\$640

Total..... \$7005*

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* BASED ON RETAIL ESTIMATES