

# Makeover sets the tone



IT is hard to imagine, but this quaint West Perth apartment in Wellington Street was an empty shell just weeks ago.

The overseas owners bought their new abode over the internet and saw from the pictures online that it needed a bit of TLC before they moved in.

With the help of interior decorator Simone Gillespie from Essence Interiors, the apartment was beautifully transformed into a contemporary and stylish living space.

The bathrooms received a fresh coat of paint and both bedrooms were fitted out with new beds and accessories.

Simone said working within a tight budget was a real task, but something she really enjoyed.

"The owners gave me two weeks to complete the job, but we finished it in a week," she said.

A purple wall in the liv-

ing room was retained and Simone used this as her inspiration.

She tied her colour/decorating choices to work harmoniously with this space.

"I wanted to create an ultra-modern apartment and incorporate chromes and earthy tones," she said.

Unattractive black handles on kitchen cupboards were replaced with sleek new silver handles and the apartment received a new dishwasher, fridge and TV.

Simone said people thinking about giving their home a fresh new look should consider charcoals and shades of grey to create a sophisticated look and complement this with vibrant splashes of orange, purple or green.

Essence Interiors specialises in display home and new home decorating, interior styling advice, paint and colour consultations, design placement and bathroom and kitchen renovations.

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