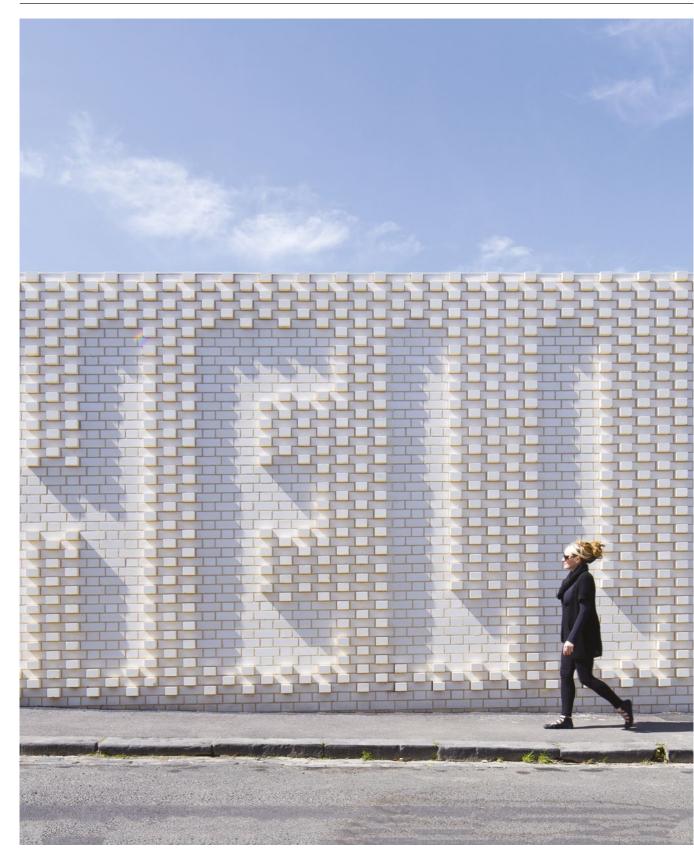
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THE FRIENDLIEST HOUSE ON THE BLOCK

Writing "HELLO" on the outside of your home might not be the most subtle way to greet the neighbours, but this renovation is both minimal and modest, and fits in surprisingly well in one residential Melbourne suburb.





This renovation and extension of a Victorian-era shophouse is located on a small but busy street in the suburb of Richmond in Melbourne, Australia. Sitting on a corner opposite the neighbourhood cafe, the house embraces its mini-civic role by offering passersby a greeting in the form of a Hello in white brickwork, designed in collaboration with artist Rose Nolan. The wall allows separate worlds to exist happily side by side with a cheerful public face that gives nothing away about the life behind.



