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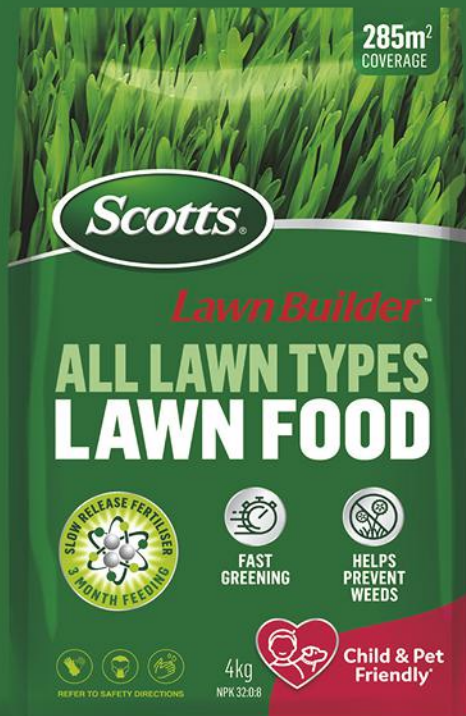
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# Welcome

After a hot summer it's a relief to start planning activities for cooler days ahead. For those in the mood for painting, we share paint-led transformations of key rooms – from a sunny Canberra kitchen renovation (page 27, hello butter yellow!) to smart decorating schemes leaning into the new range from Taubmans (as seen on the cover, and from page 16). There are DIY projects in keeping with some new Pinterest trends. Plus, more expert colour and style tips in our interiors report, from page 35. Trust us, the hardest part will be choosing your favourite colour combinations!

The Easter break is a chance to enjoy the last of the long twilights before daylight saving ends in April. Whether you are at home or away, our simple Easter craft projects will delight the kids. With the hottest weather now in the rear-view mirror this is also a prime time for gardening, so check out our round-up of seasonal to-dos (page 40)... after you've reorganised the shed (page 65)!

## The Bunnings magazine team

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## PLANT PARENT

# Artist's assistant

Henry's philodendron is a painter's best friend.



**What's in the pot?** *Philodendron 'Red Emerald'* (*Philodendron erubescens*)

**Plant name:** Hugh Plant

**Age?** It's been two years since he was just a clipping.

**Plant parent:** Henry

**Where does it live:** Hugh lives outside my painting studio in Sydney's Northern Beaches. He loves the warm weather but doesn't like too much direct sun.

**Where did it come from?** He grew from a clipping that my mum propagated and gave to me as a housewarming gift – she's a very good gardener. I'm proud to say he's grown over a metre since moving in.

**Best feature:** It sounds obvious but I love his big shiny, smooth, inviting leaves. I like that they look prehistoric – a 'plantasaurus', if you will.

**Essential care:** He's a pretty low-maintenance guy. He enjoys a spray with the hose every couple of weeks, and happily resides in a well-draining pot with a stake for support on the table that I made for him. I paint people's pets for a living, and the fact Hugh prefers indirect sunlight makes him a great painting companion!

**Do you have a favourite plant to share with us?**

Email your tips and images (with 'Plant parent' in the subject line) to [submissions@bunnings.com.au](mailto:submissions@bunnings.com.au).

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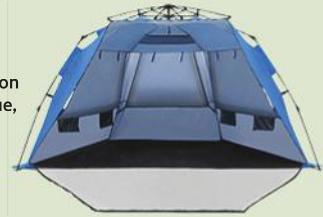
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Hello petal! Visit us at the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show



Planning a trip to the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show at the end of March? Make sure you look out for the Bunnings marquee! Bunnings will have garden activities for kids and educational sessions for green thumbs taking place across the show – team members will also be handing out seed packs and other goodies. The show is on from Wednesday March 25 to Sunday March 29 at the Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens; visit [melbflowershow.com.au](http://melbflowershow.com.au) for more information.

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## AISLE FILE

Wooden it be nice ...

Sand, pets, humidity and higher foot traffic can all take their toll on timber floors. New in store, the Bona floor care system includes simple spray-and-clean tools and reusable microfibre pads for low-effort maintenance. Meanwhile, long-time Bunnings supplier Cabot's has extended wood care to timber benchtops and furniture with a handy 500ml spray bottle of wood surface cleaner.



- Bona wood floor cleaner, \$49.99/4L refill, I/N: 0951698.

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Classic comebacks

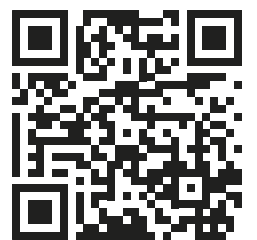
Have you noticed the resurgence of classic toys and games recently? Pinterest's 2026 trend list has called out the 'Throwback Kid' movement that's bringing vintage toys and old-school outdoor games back into play for young families. We're getting in on the act with DIYs that spark old-fashioned vibes, such as the harlequin-inspired painted toy box (see page 24) and our Easter craft projects (from page 69) – remember sprouting seeds in eggshells?



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# March IN THE GARDEN

Plant trees and shrubs, sow sweet peas, feed lawns and set up for a spring flower show.

◆ In temperate and cool zones, plant for spring colour: tulips, daffodils, jonquils, hyacinths, ranunculi, anemones, alliums and native daisies. Sow bulbs en masse in pots, or mix varieties for a glorious display.

◆ Autumn is the perfect time to plant trees and shrubs, when there is still some soil moisture in the ground and they can settle in without the stress of extreme temperatures. Improve soil first with compost or aged manures.

◆ Control introduced wasps with a targeted, non-toxic EnviroSafe European wasp trap.

◆ Sweet peas are traditionally sown on St Patrick's Day (March 17) but can be planted anytime in autumn

while it's cool. Plant in a sunny, well-draining spot with compost, and insert stakes or a trellis for tall varieties.

◆ Hot weather can leave your grass in need of a little TLC.

Treat your lawn with an organic fertiliser to improve soil health and promote strong root growth in time for winter. Loosen the soil of any bare patches and oversow with a suitable lawn seed.



Sweet peas love full sun and something to climb!

After applying fertiliser near edible plants, delay harvesting for a few days and rinse well before cooking and eating. If using products to deal with pests, diseases or weeds, or when handling compost or mulch, read the label, follow instructions and wear gloves, a mask and protective gear. Always store all garden chemicals and products out of reach of children and pets.



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For more on what to do in the garden during March, go to [bunnings.com.au/garden-hub](http://bunnings.com.au/garden-hub)

## COOL CROPS

### Sow now, feast later

For future flavour, plant these slower growers.



**Garlic**  
(*Allium sativum*)  
This slow-growing bulb will be ready for harvest in late spring. Plant generously for a steady supply – garlic keeps well for months!

**Broad beans**  
(*Vicia faba*)

Plant in cool areas, or in warmer zones in mid-to-late autumn. Stake to support the stems and pick the pods when they're crisp and sweet.



**Parsnip**  
(*Pastinaca sativa*)  
Sown now, this root veg takes about 100 days to mature. Its flavour sweetens over winter and it's ideal for roasting or mashing.

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# Style file

Warm your rooms with lush earthy hues and rich natural textures.

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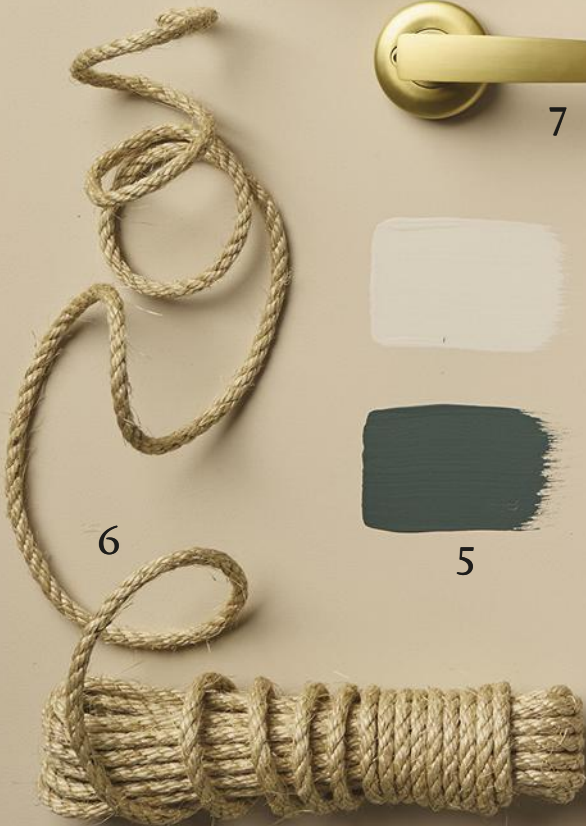
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- **1** Mr Fothergill's **vegetable seed packs**: butternut pumpkin, \$3.60, I/N: 2960424, 'Navarre' carrot, \$5.75, I/N: 2960591, and 'Kelvedon Glory' sweet corn, \$5.33, I/N: 2960525.
  - **2** *Peperomia 'Silver Heart'* (*Peperomia mamorata*) in Astin Sinclair 'Ear' 180mm x 140mm **pot** in Brown, \$8.48, I/N: 0580344 (plant sold separately).
  - **3** Mondella 'Rococo' WELS 5-star 6L/min pull down **sink mixer** in Brushed Brass, \$189, I/N: 0738730.
  - **4** Duratile 'Aggregate' 10cm x 10cm **porcelain tile sample** in Grey, \$1 each, I/N: 0298711, and Johnson 'Spectrum' 97mm x 97mm gloss **tile** in Mocha, \$95.65/sqm, \$0.90 each, I/N: 0671192.
  - **5** Taubmans **paint swatches** in (top) Designer White, and (bottom) Team Spirit.
  - **6** Grunt 8mm twisted **sisal rope**, \$8.75/10m, I/N: 4310288.
  - **7** Gainsborough 'Neue Aurora' **privacy lever set** in Satin Brass, \$77.95, I/N: 0800422.
  - **8** Boyle 'Artist' acrylic **paint** in Brown, \$1.98/100ml, I/N: 0353438.
  - **9** Lane 128mm **cabinet handle** in Brushed Brass, \$9.59, I/N: 0364730.
  - **10** Pillar Products 'Eco' **plant tie** in Brown, \$7.85/30m, I/N: 0127002.
  - **11** Cyclone stainless steel **garden trowel**, \$8.50, I/N: 3360998.
  - **12** Background in Taubmans 'Bleached Leather' **paint**.
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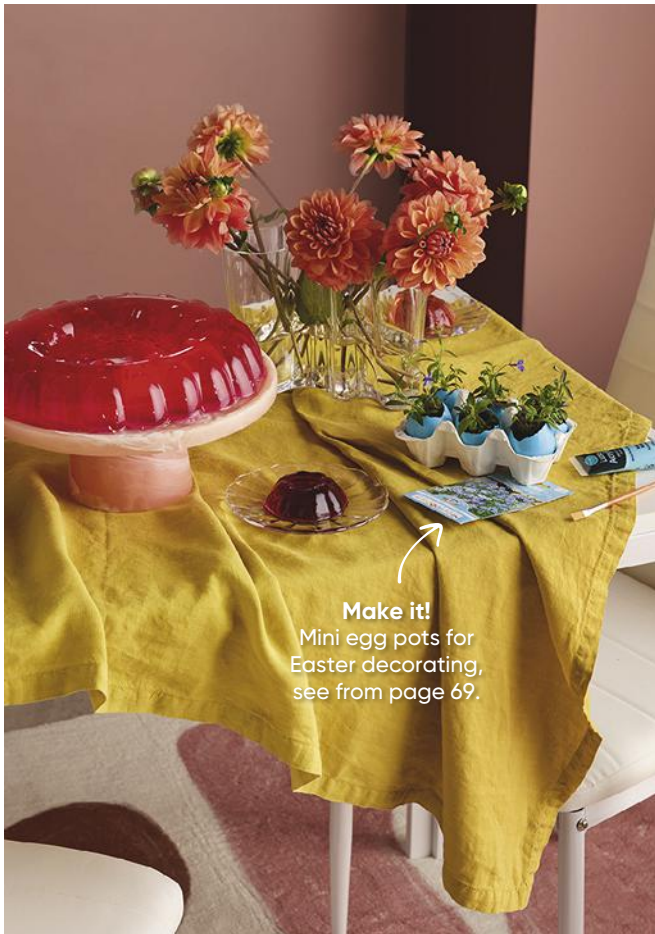
# Strokes of genius

Move beyond a beige backdrop – it's time to harness paint as a design tool.

Photography *Martina Gemmola*

Styling *Tamara Maynes and Ariel Coop*

Playing with colour can feel like a big leap, especially if you've never done it before. But a paint-led approach to decorating can be one of the most time-efficient and satisfying ways to make a room feel like your own – and most of the ideas worth trying can be achieved in a single weekend. We've teamed up with the experts at Taubmans to explore the trending colours of 2026 – the perfect gateway for the chroma curious. They're rich without being too noisy, leaning towards natural hues with depth: think warm neutrals that feel earthy rather than safe, and lush green with quiet grey undertones.



**Make it!**  
Mini egg pots for  
Easter decorating,  
see from page 69.



## PALETTE CLEANSER

Thoughtfully chosen colours can do the work of artwork, zoning and mood-setting all at once, especially when they're colours drawn from nature that envelop spaces in comfort and calm. By anchoring a room in soft, characterful tones, everything else – furniture, textiles, even everyday clutter – starts to feel more intentional. The right hues let the space reflect your style rather than a default setting. Find further paint inspiration on page 35.

Styling assistant *Mia Wise*. Paint colours may vary on application. **Artwork** stylist's own.

## DEEP CUT

Whether they're the ghost of renos past or the result of an awkward apartment conversion, architectural quirks like nib walls or gaps above cabinetry can provide the perfect opportunity for colour contrasting. Layer complementary paint tones – like a warm, grounding shade at eye level paired with a deeper hue higher on the wall – to bring instant depth to your space. Bonus points for applying this to ceiling trims and mouldings. ▶

● Brilliant 'Atomic' 34cm metal **DIY pendant light** in Matt White, \$85, I/N: 0346218 (globe sold separately). (On wall) ● **DIY squiggle mirror**, see page 22 for all materials and instructions.

(On console) ● Govee '2' **table lamp**, \$149.99, I/N: 0829720. ● Mercator 'Stella' **table lamp** in Cream, \$34.90, I/N: 0743531 (globe sold separately).

● **Skirting made with:** Hume Doors & Timber 67mm x 18mm MDF primed bullnose **moulding** in White, \$8.90/2.7m, I/N: 8470538\*; painted with Taubmans '3 in 1' interior and exterior primer, undercoat and sealer **paint** in White, \$52.40/1L, I/N: 1540566 (used throughout).

● Senso by Gerflor 'Nevada Essential' **DIY sheet vinyl** in Light Grey, \$82.50/m, I/N: 0466744.

● ▲ Oikiture 'Marble' **console table** in White and Black, I/N: 0500934\*.

● ▲ Artiss 7 piece wooden **dining table set** in White, I/N: 0429191\*.

● ▲ Loopsie 'Sapa' 330cm x 240cm washable **rug** in Pink and Red Abstract, large, I/N: 0891667\*.

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Make it!  
Squiggle  
mirror, see  
page 22.


### PALETTE

Taubmans  
Deep Claret

Taubmans  
Baby Bear

## DEFINE AND CONQUER

Framing painted sections of wall with simple timber moulding is a smart way to introduce multiple colours without overwhelming the room. This sort of structured design takes its cues from the avant-garde art theory neoplasticism, and is ideal for creating definition and balance when you're mixing different shades. Better still, it's the kind of project you can tackle over a weekend and reverse later if needed – ideal for renters once given the green light. Our palette combines four gorgeous Taubmans hues, including its 2026 colour of the year, Team Spirit. "This embodies exactly where colour is heading: calm, grounded and intentionally versatile," says Fiona Dawson, national colour and design manager ANZ for Taubmans. ▶



**Make it!**  
Colour-block wall and trim, see page 74.

**OUTSIDE THE BOX**  
Adding skirting boards, dado rails or other decorative mouldings is an excellent way to elevate a simple paint job. These subtle layers create natural frames for colour while bringing some extra character and dimension to the space. It's a stylish and relatively straightforward method for getting rid of that 'shoebox' feel you may find in a smaller room or studio apartment.

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the Cavoodle

LEFT ● **DIY colour block wall and trim**, see page 74 for materials and instructions.

● Windoware 'Coco' 500cm x 213cm sheer rod pocket **curtains** in White, \$32.50 each, I/N: 0367060. ● Bayliss 'Lema' 290cm x 200cm polypropylene **rug**, \$361, I/N: 6670904.

● **Lady palm** (*Rhapis excelsa*). ● **Polka dot begonia** (*Begonia maculata*) in Flexi Storage 'Living' 300mm x 230mm **jute basket**, \$22.77/large, I/N: 0404156. ● Home Bazar 'Belize' suar **stool**, \$99, I/N: 0443528. ● **Grey star prayer plant** (*Ctenanthe setosa* 'Grey Star') in Astin Sinclair 'Belly' 255mm x 210mm **pot** in Green, \$19.98, I/N: 0903036. ● Senso by Gerflor 'Lifestyle' 3m **DIY sheet vinyl flooring** in Newport Pecan, \$91.13/m, I/N: 6610216. All plants sold separately. Use plastic liners inside jute planters and baskets.

RIGHT ● Astin Sinclair 'Julian' **wall light** in Black, \$35/pack of 2, I/N: 0990462. ● ▲ Zinus **bed frame\***. ● ▲ SOGA 'Checkedered Chain' 45cm jacquard throw **pillow** in Brown, I/N: 0733154\*, and 'Boho Tassel' 50cm x 30cm tufted throw **pillow** in White and Brown, I/N: 0999165\*.

● Mimosa 'Bentota' **side table**, \$89, I/N: 0762204. ● ▲ MyHouse 'Leopard' **glass vase**, I/N: 0975904\*.

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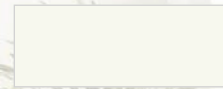
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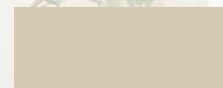
Taubmans Team Spirit



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# CIRCLE CABINET

Give a raw pine cabinet a fast and fab upgrade.

- 1 Clean all surfaces using **sugar soap wipes**; leave to dry. Remove cabinet doors. Use a **pencil** to trace the round placemats on the door front, making sure they are centred and evenly spaced.
- 2 Wearing **disposable gloves** and a **mask**, and working on a **drop sheet**, apply **primer** and two coats of **paint** to the cabinet and doors, leaving to dry after each coat. Apply **primer** and two coats of **paint** to one side of the placemats. **Tip:** Leave the circles on the cabinet doors unpainted so the glue and placemats stick.
- 3 Turn cabinet upside down, position hairpin table legs in each corner, **clamp** and mark screw holes. **Predrill** with a **3mm bit** then secure legs with **15mm button head screws**.
- 4 Use **construction adhesive** to secure the circles to the cabinet doors; leave to set. Reattach doors.

**RIGHT** ● **DIY circle cabinet** made using: Boyle 25cm wooden round **placemats**, \$1.98 each, I/N 0440437; Taskmaster 'Hairpin' 150mm x 10mm steel **table legs**, \$10 each, I/N: 0170047; and Taubmans 'Endure' low-sheen interior **paint** in Bleached Leather, \$45.90/1L, I/N: 0024209, and Smokey Green, \$54.90/1L, I/N: 0024214. ● (On cabinet) Magic Living 'Cloud' silicone **night-light**, \$10, I/N: 0341839. ● Senso by Gerflor 'Lifestyle' 3m **DIY sheet vinyl flooring** in Newport Pecan, \$91.13/m, I/N: 6610216. ● **DIY striped lamp** made using: Verve Design 'Alix' 20cm small **shade** in White, \$16, I/N: 0519031, and 'Astrid' **lamp base**, \$15, I/N: 0561879 (globe sold separately); and leftover paint (we used Taubmans 'Endure' low-sheen interior **paint** in Designer White, \$45.90/1L, I/N: 0024209, and Apple A Day, \$76.90/2L, I/N: 0024219).

# CIRCUS CEILING

Take colour overhead with a nod to big-top style.

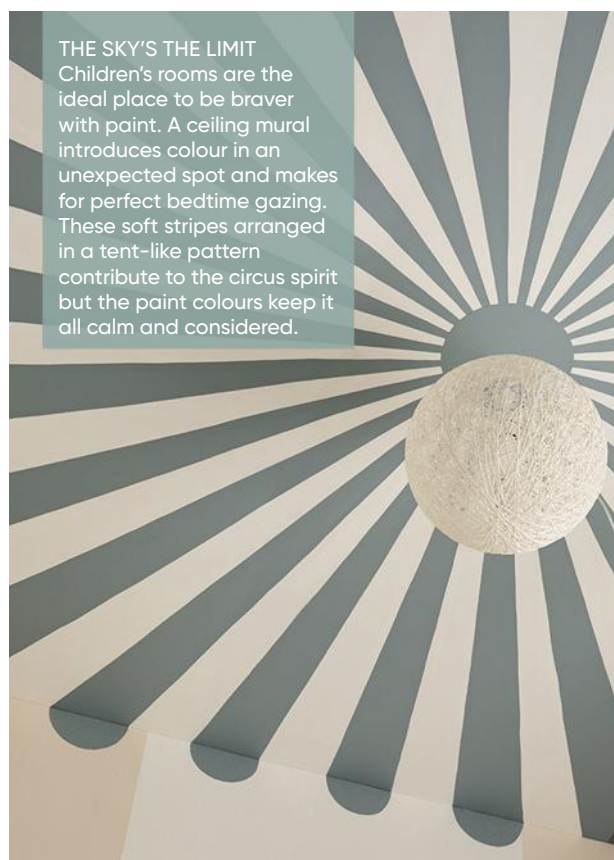
- 1 Cut a **small paper plate** to create a scallop template. Hold against the top of the walls to mark scallop shapes with a **pencil** and measure equal spaces in between. **Tip:** On the final run, you may need to 'cheat' the spaces by a few mm so the last scallop sits in the correct position.
- 2 Use a **chalk-line reel** to mark diagonal lines from corner to corner on the ceiling. Tap a **nail** into the centre point where they intersect. Hook the end of the chalk line over the centre nail, pull the line to meet one edge of a scallop and mark, then mark the other side. Repeat for all scallops.
- 3 Find the centre of a **large paper plate** by folding it into quarters. Cut a slit from the edge to the centre point, then slip the plate onto the centre nail in the ceiling to mark a circle with pencil. Remove the nail.
- 4 Apply **painter's tape** reaching from each side of the scallop marks to the edge of the centre circle to form stripes. Use a **small trim brush** to apply a coat of paint to the masked stripes, scallop shapes and circle; let dry. Apply a second coat of paint then, while still tacky, carefully pull the tape away on an angle; let paint dry.

**RIGHT** and **OPPOSITE** ● **DIY circus ceiling** made using: Taubmans 'Endure' low-sheen interior **paint** in Designer White, \$45.90/1L, I/N: 0024209, and Smokey Green, \$54.90/1L, I/N: 0024214. ● Mercator 'Cordette' sphere **pendant lamp**, \$90, I/N: 7071645 (globe sold separately). (On wall) ● Boyle '5 Point Star' craft **coasters**, \$1.17 each, I/N: 1660891, painted using Taubmans 'Endure' low-sheen interior **paint** in Apple A Day, \$76.90/2L, I/N: 0024219. ● Flexi Storage 'Decorative Shelving' 900mm x 190mm x 24mm **shelves** in White Matt, \$34.31 each, I/N: 2580907. ● Zenith 'London' 300mm x 250mm **brackets** in White, \$4.89 each, I/N: 2767983. (On shelf) ● Boyle 'Wobbly' craftwood **animals**, \$13.09/pack of 3, I/N: 1661514, and 'Wiggle' wood **train paint kit**, \$14.82, I/N: 1662742. (On floor) ● ▲ Artiss **bed frame**, single, I/N: 0328934\*. ● ▲ Costway kids **table and chair set**\*. ● ▲ Levede 'Lazy Caterpillar' kids **sofa chair** in Beige, I/N: 0663610\*. ● ▲ Loopsie 'Checkered Hermosa' 290cm x 200cm washable **rug** in Burgundy and Cream, I/N: 0891670\*. (On bed) ● **Lion cushion and throw**, Adairs, adairs.com.au. **Throw cushions**, Myer. *The Big Top*, *The Acrobat* and *The Elephant* **artworks** by Kate Campbell, Lucky Peach Studio, luckypeachstudio.com. All other products, stylist's own. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered. ▲ This product is available to buy online only and is sold and delivered by a Bunnings Marketplace Trusted Seller. Not all items are available in all states and territories. \*Delivery charges may apply.



## Keep in mind

- When sanding and painting, wear safety equipment (eye protection and mask), ensure the room is well ventilated and keep paint and chemicals out of reach of children and pets.
- Always use the right ladder for the job. Make sure it has non-slip feet and is set up on a flat, stable and solid surface. Wear sturdy footwear, maintain three points of contact (for example both feet and one hand) on it at all times and make sure another person is nearby in case you need assistance.



**THE SKY'S THE LIMIT**  
Children's rooms are the ideal place to be braver with paint. A ceiling mural introduces colour in an unexpected spot and makes for perfect bedtime gazing. These soft stripes arranged in a tent-like pattern contribute to the circus spirit but the paint colours keep it all calm and considered.

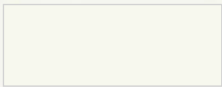
PALETTE



Taubmans Smokey Green



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## STRIPED LAMP

Transform a night-light into a playful bedroom feature.

For a cheery lampshade update (below), simply mask off evenly sized and spaced stripes, and paint in two coats of acrylic paint, leaving to dry after each coat. ▶

**Update it!**  
Pine cabinet makeover, see opposite page.

**Paint it!**  
Hero stripes and colour for 'FunHaus' vibes.

**Make it!**  
Circus toy box, see page 24.

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# SQUIGGLE MIRROR

Change your view and treat an ordinary item to an on-trend update.



● **DIY squiggle mirror** made using: Practa Solutions polymer clay project kit, as below; Stylit 170mm round acrylic mirror, \$9/pack of 3 (includes 150mm and 240mm mirrors), I/N: 0674769; and Gorilla Glue adhesive, \$24.09/236ml, I/N: 1662679.

## Tools & materials

- Safety equipment (eye protection, mask and gloves)
- Drop sheet
- Baking paper
- Pencil
- Oven tray
- Polymer clay project kit
- 170mm round acrylic mirror
- Contact adhesive



↑ **Pick it up!**  
Get crafty with clay

● Practa Solutions small polymer clay project kit, \$14.87, I/N: 0383636.

## Keep in mind

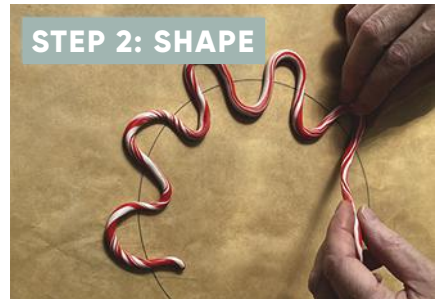
- When hanging this mirror, ensure you use fixings/fasteners appropriate for your type of wall and for the weight of the mirror plus the clay squiggle. Mirror adhesive or tape may be necessary.
- If using contact adhesive, follow the packaging instructions and safety advice carefully. Wear eye protection, a mask and disposable gloves.

## STEP 1: ROLL



**1** Use clay cutter included in kit to cut small rectangles from red and white clay blocks, and roll into spheres the size of a golf ball. Wrap strips of red clay around the white ball; roll out with your hands to form an 8mm thick rope.

## STEP 2: SHAPE



**2** Trace around the 170mm mirror onto a piece of baking paper in pencil. Arrange clay rope in a wavy line on the marked circle. Roll another clay rope, join with the end of the first and finish the squiggle shape. Carefully place baking paper and clay squiggle on an oven tray and bake according to kit instructions. Allow to cool.

## STEP 3: GLUE



**3** Wearing gloves and a mask, dot beads of contact adhesive on the inside curve of the entire length of squiggle. Position mirror face down on top of the squiggle, making sure it is centred. Press gently to adhere.

## STEP 4: MOUNT



**4** Carefully turn the mirror over, and press down the clay squiggle to adhere firmly; leave glue to set for at least 15 hours. Peel the backing away to mount the mirror on the wall (see Keep in Mind, left). ▶



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# CIRCUS TOY BOX

Paint a DIY cube to bring a retro flavour to playtime.



**Pick it up!**  
Look sharp with quality tape

● ScotchBlue 'Original' 24mm painter's tape, \$8.25, I/N: 1669657.

## Tools & materials

- Safety equipment (eye and ear protection, mask and gloves)
- Drop sheet
- Tape measure and pencil
- Quick-grip clamps
- Drill with 6G countersinking, driver and 54mm Forstner bits
- Plastic scraper
- Lint-free cloth
- Mini roller with two covers and tray
- 38mm paintbrush
- 1200mm x 1198mm x 12mm plywood\* cut in store (see below)
- Woodworking adhesive
- 6G x 30mm timber screws
- Timber filler
- 180-grit abrasive paper with sanding block
- Leftover primer (we used Taubmans '3 in 1' in White)
- Leftover paint (we used Taubmans 'Water Based Enamel' in Designer White and Apple A Day)
- Painter's tape

## Cutting list

From 12mm plywood:

- **BASE** 400mm x 400mm
- **SIDE PANELS** 400mm x 388mm (2)
- **END PANELS** 388mm x 376mm (2)

**TOP RIGHT** ● **DIY toy box** made using: Project Panel 1200mm x 1198mm x 12mm pine premium BC grade **plywood**, \$58, I/N: 0390211\*; Zenith 6G x 30mm zinc plated countersunk **timber screws**, \$8.92/pack of 100, I/N: 2434118; Selley's 'Aquadhere' interior **wood adhesive**, \$6.90/100ml, I/N: 1230622; Taubmans '3 In 1' **primer**, undercoat and sealer in White, \$52.40/1L, I/N: 1540566, and 'Water Based Enamel' **paint** in Designer White, \$62.90/1L, I/N: 0147163, and Apple A Day, \$69.90/1L, I/N: 0147175; and ScotchBlue 'Original' **painter's tape** as above. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.



## Keep in mind

- When using power tools, always protect ears and eyes with ear muffs and safety glasses (gloves and mask are also recommended).
- For sanding or painting, be sure to wear the recommended safety gear (such as gloves, mask and eye protection). Follow the manufacturer's instructions and work in a well-ventilated area.



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### STEP 1: DRILL

**1** To make hand holes in the end panels, mark the centre, 60mm down from the top edge. Position on a plywood offcut and clamp to the workbench. Centre a 54mm Forstner bit on the marks to drill right through. On the side panels, use a countersinking bit to predrill four evenly spaced holes down the sides, 6mm in from the edge.



### STEP 2: ASSEMBLE

**2** Butt the side panels against the end panels, applying adhesive along the edges and clamping to secure through predrilled holes with screws. Position the base, predrill evenly spaced holes around the edges, apply adhesive and secure. Use a scraper to smooth over screw holes and joints with filler; let dry. Sand all over, including hand holes; wipe away dust with a cloth.



### STEP 3: MASK

**3** Prime all over with a mini roller; let dry. Use a clean roller to apply two coats of white paint, leaving to dry after each coat. On four sides of the box, position painter's tape diagonally from corner to corner, folding around the sides at the base and over the top. **Tip:** On the lower triangles, brush white paint over the inside edges of the tape to achieve a precise finish.



### STEP 4: PAINT

**4** Use a clean roller to apply two coats of red paint on the lower triangles, leaving to dry after each coat. Apply a third coat and peel off the tape at an angle while still tacky; let dry. For the top triangles, position tape from corner to corner, folding over the base and around the sides at the top. Repeat the painting process, also painting the top edge and inside the box. ●



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# Colour refresh

Give your home an easy seasonal style upgrade with Taubmans.

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## Warm welcome

A front door makeover is a fast, feel-good way to set the tone for your whole home. Try **Alberta Rose** – a soft, dusty neutral that feels instantly inviting. For a smooth, lasting finish, apply Taubmans **3 in 1 Prep** first; it grips beautifully and works inside and out.

## Kitchen and dining colour boost

Create a kitchen that draws people in by giving walls colour. A grounded green like **Birch Forest** warms up white cabinetry and sits beautifully with timber and brass. In dining areas, try a rich colour like **Deep Claret** to create drama

and an inviting mood. For hardworking spaces, choose Taubmans **Endure** paint – it's tough, washable, stain- and mould-resistant and suitable for all rooms of the home including kitchens and bathrooms.

## Living room lift

Give your living room walls a fresh, modern feel with **Designer White** – a calm base that works with any furniture style. Add impact by framing the entry in bold **Coffee Rose**. Finish with Taubmans **Ceiling White** to make the space feel bright and open.

## Bedroom update

A tin of paint and a couple of hours can bring a tired bedroom back to life. **Team Spirit** – Taubmans 2026 Colour of the Year – is an earthy green that makes a great feature wall. For children's rooms, **Smokey Green** adds playful warmth. Finish trims with Taubmans **Water Based Enamel** to resist fingerprints!



- 1** Taubmans 'Endure' low-sheen accent interior wall paint, \$110/4L, I/N: 0024216. **2** Taubmans '3 In 1' interior and exterior primer undercoat and sealer paint in White, \$84.90/4L, I/N: 1541059. **3** Taubmans ceiling paint in Brilliant White, \$62.90/4L, I/N: 0401051. **4** Taubmans gloss accent water based enamel paint, \$132/4L, I/N: 0147188.



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# Sweet as honey

The perfect yellow lends wraparound warmth to this practical and cleverly organised family kitchen. ▶

Words *Shelley Tustin*  
Photography *Tess Godkin*  
Styling *Tilly Roberts*



Biancoccino laminate benchtops from Kaboodle Kitchen complement the warm, sunny tone of the cabinetry.

## TAKE A TOUR...



## Meet the family

Interior stylist Tilly Roberts and her partner, Ray, a lawyer, knew the kitchen of their 1960s Canberra bungalow needed attention. "The kitchen was very outdated and awkward," says Tilly. But she didn't want to lose the feeling of warmth in the space. "It's a very glowy, sunny room." The revamp also had to consider busy family life with their two small children and toy cavoodle Digby, who rounds out the crew.

A flexible breakfast spot combines seating with storage.



**W**arm western light filters through in the afternoons, but with its buttery yellow cabinets, this Canberra kitchen is permanently bathed in a cosy glow. "Homely" was the word that drove interior stylist Tilly Roberts as she set out to transform the kitchen of the house she shares with partner Ray and their two kids. Food is an official love language in their household, and the space needed to channel this feeling of generosity while tapping into the charm of the bungalow-style home – a task at which the previous decades-old kitchen fell short. "It didn't suit the house, which is cute with a cottagey feel," says Tilly.

### SETTING THE TONE

The starting point was colour, and while the previous kitchen was short on charm, one element did provide inspiration. "It had a yellow tiled splashback – it wasn't super cute, but you could see how yellow suited the space. It feels very warm." The search for a Goldilocks shade – not too light, not too intense – led Tilly to Hay, a colour by UK paint company Farrow & Ball, which she had colour matched to a Taubmans paint at the Bunnings paint desk in store (where a swatch as small as a 20 cent piece can be matched.)

### MAPPING IT OUT

With the colour and mood set, Tilly and Ray began designing their space, using the Kaboodle Kitchen 3D planner online. Having installed a Kaboodle kitchen at their previous home, the couple was familiar with the range and were confident in getting creative with their planning. They designed a kitchen island with banks of drawers backed by a sheet of MDF. A similar drawer hack was used to make built-in bench seating which, paired with a small table, forms a cosy breakfast nook and craft space for the kids. "We spend so much time in the kitchen, the kids can sit there and do their stuff while we can still see them and chat to them while cooking," says Tilly.

To make life easier, they kept most of the main kitchen elements where they were, saving the cost of moving plumbing and electricals, with only a few tweaks – such as nudging the stove into the centre of its bank of cabinets for safety reasons. They even worked with the original lighting, centring the island bench beneath existing downlights.

The beauty of a flatpack kitchen is the freedom to decide how much DIY to undertake and where to save and splurge. With two little ones keeping them busy, the ▶

“Make sure you leave enough room to stack dirty and clean dishes on either side of the sink”

*Mike Smith, Bunnings in-home kitchen consultant*



#### NEED TO KNOW

Bunnings in-home kitchen consultant Mike Smith shares planning tips.

**1 The working triangle** “The traditional working triangle is the path between the sink, fridge and cooktop. In planning your kitchen, it’s important to consider this distance and any obstructions. I also like to consider the triangle’s ‘fourth side’ – your primary prep space, ideally a clear bench space a minimum of 900mm wide, close to the sink and/or cooktop.”

**2 Create zones** “Plan to keep similar tasks close together. The sink, bin, dishwasher and cleaning products

should be together in the cleaning zone; the cooktop, oven, utensils and oils and spices in the cooking zone; the fridge and pantry in the storage zone. Others may include the primary bench space, (with chopping boards, knives and utensils), and non-consumables (crockery, cookware, wraps and plasticware).”

**3 The set-down space** “This one is really important for functionality – include a set-down space next to key appliances and work areas. For example, somewhere to put a hot pot when removing it from the cooktop, and somewhere to place groceries prior to putting them away.”



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**Cupboard secrets**  
Ray's beloved coffee machine is contained in a stylish station.

couple hired a builder to do the installation and sent their paintable pieces out to be professionally sprayed, which Tilly says has delivered an absolutely flawless finish.

### DESIGN FOR REAL LIFE

The changing shape of their lives with two active children demanded particular inclusions, like soft-close drawers for safety around little fingers and a "giant sink" in stainless steel, chosen to be impervious to family life. It also meant a craving for clean lines and closed doors. "I knew I wanted something quite different to what we did in our previous home," says Tilly. "Last time we had a lot of open shelving and this time I wanted floor-to-ceiling cupboards and as much concealed as possible."

This aversion to clutter even extended to sacrificing some bench space to create more storage. "I find I only really stand in one or two spots, so don't need so much bench space – and we'd just end up putting clutter on it," she says. "I wanted everything hidden."

### NEXT-LEVEL STORAGE

Behind the Kaboodle 'Alpine' profile doors is a world of organisational magic. Below the bench, Tilly chose to use drawers for better visuals. "There's so much more storage

### GOOD LOOKS

Current kitchen trends are warm, cosy and incredibly liveable for the long term. John Harrison from Kaboodle Kitchen shares a few favourite trends and how to get the look.

#### Trend 1: Nature-inspired tones

"Earthy tones continue to be the must-have, from deep forest greens to sunset yellows and softened blues. Don't be afraid to mix and match nature-inspired tones; warm peach hues paired with cool blues like Kaboodle's Juniper can work beautifully together, creating depth and visual interest."

#### Trend 2: Warm up with timber

"Timber brings a sense of natural balance and timeless appeal. Kaboodle has recently expanded its range of real timber benchtops, which provides a sense of natural tactility on your working surfaces. It also has lots of options when it comes to woodgrain doors and panels. Handy tip: If you have timber floors, opt for contrasting timber finishes rather than trying to match tones exactly; mixing timbers adds depth and creates a more considered, layered look."

#### Trend 3: Maximum character

"Embracing bold design and layered textures is the key to creating a space that's proudly yours. Think colour-rich finishes and tactile surfaces you can't help but run your hand over. Get the look with Kaboodle's latest V-groove door profile, paired with a travertine laminate benchtop for a practical yet textural finish. Or for a more affordable transformation that goes a long way, let your handles do the talking."

in drawers and you can see everything from above – it just makes more sense," she says. Where cupboards have been used, she decided to optimise the space with soft-close pull-out wire racking, which she maintains is life-changing for the pantry. "You can pull them out and see everything, even at the back."

A second pantry unit was cleverly converted into a beverage station for coffee lover Ray, complete with shelving as well as power points for the coffee machine and grinder. The toaster and other appliances are similarly hidden. "I was very liberal with the electrical sockets inside cupboards because I hate having appliances visible. We can pull out the toaster to use it, then put it back in the cupboard," says Tilly.

### MADE FOR YOU

In addition to the singular colour, Tilly customised the kitchen with other clever additions – small details that add up to a strikingly bespoke space. As the tall pantry units and wall cabinets came just short of the ceiling, Tilly asked their builder to fill the last few centimetres and match the existing architraves. "A gap would fill with dust and look weird. Building to the ceiling is neat and makes it look custom." Inside the coffee cupboard are more ▶



The stainless steel sink is large enough to deal with family sized washing-up tasks.

tailored details: VJ panelling, heritage-style shelf brackets and a bench-material offcut used to create an in-cupboard work surface.

### PULLING IT TOGETHER

With the practicalities attended to, Tilly was able to bring her vision for a country-style kitchen to life. Step one was unveiling the home's inherent charm by ripping up floor coverings to expose its original pine boards. The linear lines of the boards are echoed in the splashback; instead of the standard choice of tiles, Tilly selected moisture-resistant VJ panelling, which beautifully captures the country warmth she wanted.

For the benchtop, Tilly chose a Kaboodle Kitchen marble-look laminate, Biancoccino, to bring contrasting movement and lightness to the yellow scheme. "The benchtop has this unusual silky finish. It's super hardy, but it feels soft and the print is really natural." Matchstick Roman blinds from Windoware introduce extra texture.

Throughout, the warm colours and surfaces are subtly offset by the coolness of chrome. "Once I knew I was going to do yellow, I knew I wanted chrome detailing," says Tilly. She opted for a kitchen mixer in chrome, a stainless steel sink and classic Kaboodle Kitchen mushroom knobs in brushed nickel. ●

### AISLE STYLE

## Shop the look

Warm tones and textures help to build a sense of comfort and welcome. Choose natural finishes with luxe touches for a modern update on classic country homestead style.



- **1** Variegated lemon **thyme** in Northcote Pottery 'Riviera' 38cm x 31cm large terracotta **pot**, \$34.98, I/N: 0515827 (plant sold separately).
- **2** Kaboodle Kitchen 27mm kitchen door mushroom **knob/handle** in Zinc Alloy, \$4.56, I/N: 2662581.
- **3** Kaboodle 600mm wall **cabinet** in White, \$121.77, I/N: 2662262.
- **4** Floor Select 7mm 'Pinnacle' SPC hybrid waterproof **flooring** in Ash, \$38/sqm, \$66.88/pack (1.76sqm), I/N: 0336749.
- **5** Maine & Crawford 'Macha' 50cm x 30cm cotton stripe **cushion** in Black/White, I/N: 0485390\*.
- **6** ▲ Paris basket weave **tea towel** in Black, I/N: 0315862\*.
- **7** ▲ CLA Lighting 'Finn' small blonde wood and opal glass cone **pendant light**, I/N: 0589840\* (globe sold separately).
- **8** Windoware 'California' 210cm x 120cm indoor matchstick Roman **blind** in Natural, \$30, I/N: 0340623. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered. ▲ This product is available to buy online only and is sold and delivered by a Bunnings Marketplace Trusted Seller. Not all items are available in all states and territories. \*Delivery charges may apply.

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# Future perfect

Embrace the new season's colours and styles to give your home an inspiring refresh.

Words *Jane Parbury*

Every year sees a style shift for our interiors. It might be a subtle change in a larger trend, a move to centre stage for an aesthetic that's been bubbling under for a while, or even a whole new look. Of course, no-one's likely to toss everything to keep up with new fashions, but isn't it nice to know that Granny's sideboard might be back in vogue, or that the lovely olive green you've earmarked for your walls is on the design radar? Let's take a look at what's trending for 2026. ▶

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Bleached Leather



### NATURALLY SPEAKING

The big interior style story of recent years has been biophilic design – connecting us to nature via earth-inspired colours and natural materials. Of course, a fresh coat of paint is the easy way to tap into a new look for your home. Fiona Dawson, national colour and design manager ANZ for Taubmans, says paint colour trends in 2026 are continuing to evolve toward a deeper connection with nature, wellbeing and authenticity.

“The 2026 Colour of the Year, Team Spirit, embodies exactly where colour is heading: calm, grounded and intentionally versatile,” she says. “As part of the Taubmans Down To Earth palette, it reflects a broader movement toward warm neutrals, soft greens and naturally inspired hues that bring a sense of balance and emotional steadiness into interiors.”

### SOFTER STYLE

It’s a small step to use that nature-fuelled inspiration to make your home a lived-in haven, with the brash and bold, maximalist interiors of last year

softening to deliver more relaxed spaces. Jane Wright, Bunnings trend and design manager, says colour is playing a more immersive and considered role in interiors. “We are seeing a shift away from stark contrasts, feature walls and cool, blue-based whites, and towards warmer, more cohesive schemes that create a sense of comfort and emotional depth,” she says.

### PALE PERFECTION

Pantone’s Colour of the Year, the billowy white Cloud Dancer, suggests that white is still on point. It’s good news for those who can’t go past gentle hues. “Our 2026 white of the year – Taubmans Designer White – provides a similar fresh, balanced softness, working effortlessly alongside the grounded, nature-inspired hues featured throughout the Down To Earth palette,” says Fiona. “To bring a soft-white palette to life, layering is essential: think natural linens, matt ceramics, subtly grained timbers and warm neutral textures that add depth without disrupting the calm.”

### INTO THE DEEP

Rich tones are still popular, but feel calmer in the new season’s paint charts. Lauren Treloar, colour and design manager at Dulux, says two of the three palettes in the 2026 Dulux Colour Forecast, Dulux Elemental and Dulux Evoke, showcase the move away from high-contrast, energetic schemes. “We’re leaning into warm, earthy neutrals, deep berries and lush greens with grey undertones,” she explains. “This is a clear shift towards colours that feel comforting and nurturing, and which help to create spaces that foster wellbeing and a sense of sanctuary.”

"Colour doesn't have to stop at the walls! Cushions, bedlinen and even a few decor pieces can inject just the right amount"

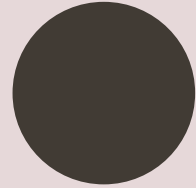
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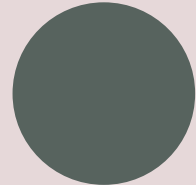
Earthy colours that help to calm, comfort and nurture are leading this year's trends.



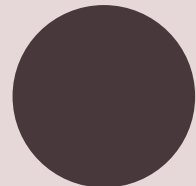
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#### ALL IN THE APPLICATION

It could be time to wave farewell to the visually distracting feature wall. "Consumers and designers are leaning more toward whole-of-room colour stories and layered tonal approaches, rather than a single stand-out wall," says Jane. Colour drenching – where walls, trims and ceilings are coated in the same colour – still has its fans but is also losing ground to colour capping, which uses complementary shades. To achieve this subtle look, Jane suggests using tonal variations within the same colour family. "For example, lighter walls with a deeper ceiling or trims," she says.

#### FIND YOUR FINISH

Brushed metallics, tactile plaster and low-sheen paint are part of the design story for 2026, while gloss is losing its lustre. "We're seeing a definite shift in preferred finishes, and it aligns closely with the move toward warmth, tactility and lived-in comfort," says Fiona. "Matt and ultra-matt finishes are increasingly dominant in Australian interiors because they soften light, reduce glare and enhance the natural textures people are gravitating toward. The same applies to painted surfaces, where matt and low-sheen finishes help colours appear softer and more atmospheric." ▶



Taubmans  
Dark Velvet Green

## SURFACE ACTION

"Across Australian interiors, warmer and more grounded materials are becoming central to how spaces are being designed," says Fiona Dawson. "Flooring is playing a particularly important role. Natural ochres, mid-toned browns and the return of Australian timber species are shaping the base of contemporary interiors, supported by the growing popularity of herringbone patterns. These warmer, character-rich floors provide a strong foundation for the palette, enhancing its organic and nature informed qualities."

Texture is another major shift. "Matt finishes, natural fibres, lightly grained timbers and handcrafted surfaces are being chosen for their ability to create softer, more welcoming environments," says Fiona.

## PLANTS IN PARTICULAR

Further engaging with the natural world, house plants have been having a major moment. Horticulturist Tammy Huynh says their enduring popularity comes down to our desire to be closer to nature, especially for those who don't have a garden.

"Plants are an easy and lively way to decorate indoors – they literally breathe life into a space," says Tammy. "And the variety of leaf colours, forms and textures keeps them interesting and collectable." Indoor plant arrangements lend themselves beautifully to a nature-inspired backdrop, with an eclectic feel that enhances the lived-in home look. ●

## REUSE AND RECYCLE

Hanging on to heritage and hand-me-down pieces is helping to create interiors with personality that look as though they have evolved over time. There's a strong sustainability story, too – keeping furniture out of landfill and recognising that many older items are well-made and durable. Dark timber, which often categorises older furniture, is becoming popular again and works well with nature-inspired tones. "Olive and sage greens are versatile, botanical shades that pair beautifully with timber and natural materials," says Jane Wright.

## AHEAD OF THE CURVE

A 'new meets nostalgia' flavour in other design pieces ties in neatly with the lived-in look. Curves are everywhere, not only in soft furniture such as sofas and comfy chairs. You'll find fluting on hard materials including tiles, shower screens and island bench fronts, and stone fashioned into circular occasional tables or oval-ended dining tables.

Softer shapes are also defining new lighting for 2026. Increasingly the central focus of any room, a sculptural light can now double as a form-meets-function artwork.

## ACTION PACK

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# AUTUMN GARDEN PLANNER

It's a beautiful time of year to be outside  
– and if you break your seasonal tasks into  
bite-sized chunks, they'll hardly feel like work.

Words Adam Woodhams



The transition to winter is upon us and the stunning colours and lower temperatures make autumn a lovely season for gardeners. Some well-planned work over the next few weeks will help to keep your patch looking fabulous right through to winter and set the stage for a gorgeous spring display. Approach your outdoor spaces with a weekend-by-weekend plan and you'll soon be on the path to success.

# WEEKEND 1

## Give plants a feed, tend to summer blooms and strike geranium cuttings.

Fertilise the garden to help replenish the nutrients used by plants in summer.

Your plants will also stack energy away for all-important winter resilience. A controlled-release formulation will feed for up to six months, but make sure you use a product to suit your plants and garden.  Enjoy the last of your frangipani flowers. They'll perfume your home when arranged in a float bowl. If you've had problems with fungal diseases on the leaves of roses, frangipani, fuchsia and hollyhocks, collect them as they start

to fall and dispose of these in the rubbish bin (not in the compost).

Tidy up geraniums and pelargoniums as flowering ends. You can take non-flowering cuttings to strike new plants. To improve cutting success rates, use a propagation powder or gel.

Deadhead roses (remove spent blooms) to tidy the plants and encourage autumn flowering. Use clean, sharp secateurs and sterilise blades between cuts.



# WEEKEND 2

How's the vegie patch looking? It's probably time for a refresh.

Remove all those summer crops that have become non-productive and start preparing for your new season planting. Remember, most vegies are annual plants – once their decline begins, they are all but finished.

Improve and refresh the soil in your vegie patch with aged manure or well-rotted compost. Water the area well, layer the manure or compost evenly over the

surface and dig it in. Then add an organic-based fertiliser such as blood and bone. Water again lightly then mulch with garden-grade lucerne or pea straw, water again, then allow to sit for a couple of weeks.

While you wait for the soil to settle, sow cool-season vegetable seeds such as lettuce, spinach, cabbages, broccoli and leeks in suitable seedling trays or punnets. ▶

### ANT WATCH

Want to know an easy way to spot signs of sap-sucking pests on your plants? Look for busy black ants running up and down stems and trunks. Sap-suckers such as aphids and scale excrete a sugary liquid, which black ants feed on. The ants seek out these pests for an easy feed and can even move them to more succulent parts of a plant, like a farmer moving their cows to a lush paddock! So follow the ant trail and chances are you'll find the pests. Most of these smaller pests can be dealt with using a horticultural oil spray.



● OCP 'Eco-Oil' ready-to-use organic **insect spray**, \$13.18/750ml, I/N: 2961639. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.



● Trojan 500mm steel handle leaf rake, \$11.95, I/N: 0684962.

# WEEKEND 3

**In many areas, autumn means leaf fall. Raking them all up may seem like a chore, but flip the script!**

- Fallen leaves are a fantastic free resource. If you make your own compost, add thin layers of soft leaves to the pile, balancing their bulk with green material such as lawn clippings. Alternatively, use leaves as garden mulch.
- As deciduous trees drop leaves and become bare, the need for maintenance pruning may be obvious as damaged, diseased or dead branches are revealed. Use pruners or secateurs for light pruning tasks. Consider investing in a pole saw or chainsaw for bigger jobs.
- Give the lawn attention. Manually remove any large

weeds – a long-reach weed puller can make the task easier, or use a selective herbicide. Many weeds continue to grow in winter, so tackling them now will leave you with fewer to deal with when spring arrives. Remove built-up thatch with a steel-tine rake, then aerate the lawn to increase oxygen movement to the roots and enhance drainage.

- Early autumn is perfect for over-sowing to thicken lawn and fix any bare spots. Now's a good time to give it a feed, too. Go for a slow-release product to help build winter resilience, and use a fertiliser spreader for an even and consistent application of it.
- If you had a bindii problem in the summer, start treating your lawn now. Bindii is a cool-season annual weed and those annoying prickles are in fact its seeds that start to germinate in autumn. Use a suitable weed-and-feed product now, and again in winter.

## FEEDING TIME

It's not just plants that benefit from a regular feed. Soil contains a complex community of microorganisms that help make nutrients available to plants and improve soil quality and structure – and they need the right ingredients to thrive. Feeding the soil is as simple as adding well-rotted compost or manure. To really turbo-charge the process, use a biologically activated product for even better nutrient cycling and stronger overall plant health.



**Keep watering consistent – autumn vegies still need steady moisture**

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**Photography** (top): Trojan; Adobe Stock. Wear gloves and a mask when handling mulch, compost and potting mix and also when pruning, along with long sleeves, as the leaves and sap of some plants can be a skin irritant and cause allergic reactions. When using power tools, always protect ears and eyes with ear muffs and safety glasses (gloves and mask are also recommended), and follow the manufacturer's instructions. Take care when selecting your plants as some can be poisonous to children and pets, and check their suitability for your area, as some may be classified as weeds in certain regions. Store all garden chemicals and products out of reach of children and pets.



Sasanqua camellias are gearing up for their annual show.

# WEEKEND 4

**Plant trees and shrubs while the soil is still warm but prep the planting area first to suit specific needs.**

□ Sasanqua camellias are the earliest flowering of the camellias and they come into bloom in late autumn/early winter. Wander the nursery section to find a flower colour you love. Sasanquas are more sun-tolerant than other species and take to pruning well, so are good for hedging and screening.

□ Nothing says spring like a jubilant display of spring-flowering bulbs. Buy

daffodils, jonquils, tulips and more now. Some bulbs, including tulips, like a little chill time before planting, so clearly mark their bags and put them in the fridge crisper for a few weeks before planting.

□ Stay vigilant for pests. Sap-suckers such as aphids will home in on any plants with lush new growth, so pay particular attention to newly planted vegies and annual flowers.

□ Did you enjoy a colourful display of dahlias in garden beds or pots over the summer? If you're in a warmer zone and they are planted in well-draining soil, dahlia tubers can be left in the ground. If you're in a cooler zone, especially one where winters may be damp, then lift the tubers, trim back roots and shoots and store in a cool, dry, dark place in a mix of sawdust and propagating sand until spring. ●

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# BACKYARD BLISS

Take your turf to the next level with these tips for autumn lawn care from Yates.

**A**fter the heat of summer forces your lawn into survival mode, the temperate conditions of autumn bring it back to quick-growing life. Now is the time to give it seasonal love, clearing the way for new growth (by targeting weeds and pests) and giving your lawn the nutrients it needs to thrive. **Yates** takes the hard work out of lawn care, offering easy ways to feed, protect and weed your grass. Whether you're a turf nurturer with a dedicated routine or a novice gardener with limited time to spare, a great-looking lawn is well within reach.

## Ground level

Gorgeous grass grows from good soil so, first, address what lies beneath. A gentle feed with Yates **Dynamic Lifter Lawn Food & Soil Improver** provides all the nutrients turf needs to thrive – plus, it encourages earthworms and soil micro-organisms for sustained lawn health. Simply cast the granules across the grass and water them in – or, if rain is expected, let nature do the watering.

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# Hedge benefits

Green your scene with living borders and screens that add another dimension to outdoor spaces.

Words *Adam Woodhams*

**W**hen it comes to getting bang for your landscaping buck, you can't go past hedging and screening plants. They serve so many purposes and provide multiple benefits, from giving you height and privacy a fence can't achieve, to creating garden 'rooms' and defining boundaries, such as between the front yard and street. Hedges can also be just about any size or style to suit your needs, and if you grow them in pots or troughs, they're renter-friendly, too. Here's how to select the right plants for your place. ▶

Box hedge can be clipped to form walls or balls (in pots at rear).



Box hedge



Photinia

## HEDGE VS SCREEN

Although the terms are often used interchangeably, it's fair to say that nearly all hedges are screens but not all screens are hedges. So, what's the difference?

Hedges are generally continuous rows of the same plant. Tightly grown and heavily maintained, they have a dense appearance. Often, they'll also totally block a view, providing a higher level of privacy.

Screens could be only two or three plants, or even just one, rather than a continuous run. Being looser, screens still allow glimpses through while breaking or softening the view.

Tom Gleeson, horticulturist with Protea Landscapes, recommends reading the plant labels to check the width when mature. "Using that width as a spacing guide may lead to a sparse hedge," he advises. "You may want to space them closer to achieve privacy and density."

## WHY GROW A HEDGE?

The most common uses for hedges and screens are to boost privacy or to create garden rooms – but there are other excellent reasons to grow them.

- Reduce the impact of prevailing winds and weather.
- Provide shade from harsh sun (if tall).
- Offer more fragile plants protection.
- Provide a habitat for wildlife.
- Create new planting opportunities by creating sheltered shade zones.
- Improve acoustics by muffling street and neighbour noise.
- Block out an uninspiring view, or cover an unattractive wall or fence.

## CHOOSE YOUR PLANTS

Deciding on the right plants for your hedge or screen is really just a process of asking the right questions.

- What is the aspect: is it sunny, shady, windy?
- Are there any extreme prevailing conditions such as coastal winds, salt air or heavy winter frosts?
- What are the soil conditions? Good garden soil, clay-based or sandy?
- What are you looking for? Full hedging blockout or relaxed screen?
- How tall would you like it to ultimately grow?
- Do you want a fine texture with small leaves, or bolder, with larger leaves?
- Is there anything special you'd like, such as flowers or foliage colour?

## HOW TO MAINTAIN

Horticulturist Tom Gleeson has these tips for looking after hedges and screens.

- Always use sharp and clean tools to avoid torn leaves and browning leaf edges.
- For the best finish, trim back to the same line every time. This helps create the bushiest growth and avoids the hedge slowly creeping up in height or out in width.
- Trim on a regular basis to avoid cutting into older wood that is slower to reshoot with new growth.
- Regular feeding, at least every 3–6 months, is critical for bushy growth and to encourage recovery from regular pruning.



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- **2** Richgro 'Complete Garden' all purpose **fertiliser**, \$14.99/5kg, I/N: 2961375.
- **3** Ozito 'PXC' 18V cordless **hedge trimmer**, \$89/skin only (battery and charger sold separately), I/N: 3380872.
- **4** Ryobi 'ONE+ EZ Reach' 18V 40cm pole **hedge trimmer**, \$229/skin only (battery and charger sold separately) I/N: 0606517. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products may be ordered.

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Here's our pick of the top hedging and screening plants.



**1 Sasanqua** (*Camellia sasanqua* spp)

A true flowering hedge, sasanquas are available in sizes from 1m to over 3m. Left unpruned, they'll form a loose screen; pruned, a dense hedge. They grow in full sun through to part shade. In hotter regions, protect from western sun; in cooler zones, from the most extreme weather.



**2 Photinia** (*Photinia* cultivars, 'red tip' forms)

A very robust hedging plant which generally grows to around 2m tall. A major attribute is the vibrant red new foliage – look for varieties such as 'Red Robin'. Photinia can tolerate cold to around -10 degrees Celsius. In the sub-tropics, it may need protection from hot afternoon sun.



**3 Viburnum** (*Viburnum* spp)

This versatile and generally fast-growing hedge suits a wide range of situations and climates. For warmer areas, choose the large-leaved *V. odoratissimum* cultivars, known as sweet viburnum. For cooler zones, the smaller-leaved *V. tinus* cultivars are safe to at least -10 degrees Celsius.



**4 Pittosporum** (*Pittosporum* spp)

A very attractive hedge or screen with smaller foliage, this fast-growing plant can tower above 4m but takes well to pruning. Varieties such as 'Silver Sheen' have a lovely touch of silver and *P. tenuifolium* varieties tolerate cold well. They do need excellent drainage to avoid root rot.



**5 Orange-scented jessamine**

(*Murraya paniculata*)

Also known as mock orange, this smaller-leaved native is ideal for adding a lush, tropical-look hedge or larger screen. It can grow to 3m but is generally kept much smaller. Carries clusters of richly fragrant, small white flowers a few times a year. Prune after flowering to avoid it setting seed. Happy to live in full sun through to part shade, it's not considered suitable for locations where temperatures dip down below freezing.



**6 Lilly pillies** (*Syzygium* spp, *Acmena* spp)

One of the most popular groups of natives for hedging and screens, lilly pillies are robust and versatile. Available in a wide range of sizes to suit virtually any situation, they have attractive foliage, often with new growth in hues of bronze, reds or pinks, and take very well to even hard pruning. Most produce fluffy 'powder puff' flowers followed by wildlife-friendly berries. *Syzygium australe* 'Resilience' is one of the most reliable and problem-free varieties.



**7 Clumping bamboos**

(*Bambusa*, *Dendrocalamus*, *Gigantochloa*, *Schizostachyum* spp)

From frosty areas to the tropics, this is perhaps the fastest and most reliable screen, or, with the right species, hedge. Heights of over 4m can be achieved in as little as 12-18 months. Don't let the word 'bamboo' put you off – clumping varieties will stay where you plant them. For a dense hedge, you can't go past Malay dwarf variegated bamboo (*Bambusa heterostachya* 'Variegata').



**8 Heliconia**

(*Heliconia* spp)

These cousins of gingers and bananas are fabulous screening plants in tropical, sub-tropical and frost-free, sheltered temperate gardens. Some can spread, so go for a clumping variety such as the popular *Heliconia bihai x caribaea* 'Hot Rio Nights', which can grow to around 3-4m in 12 months. With very large leaves, like a banana's but tougher, their fabulous flowers inspire their common name, lobster claw. These can be 50cm long and are striking as cut flowers. ●

# Golden oldies

Classics for good reason, these indoor stars bring vintage charm to autumn.

## CYCLAMEN (*Cyclamen persicum*)

This cool-season favourite has marbled foliage and elegant, butterfly-like blooms in white, pink, mauve or deep red. It grows from a tuber, with the top usually just below the soil surface. Water regularly but try not to wet the tuber, as this can lead to rot. For best results, give it a cool spot in bright, indirect light.

## AFRICAN VIOLET (*Streptocarpus ionanthus*)

A compact plant with furry leaves and velvety flowers in white, pink, mauve, blue and red, it needs bright, filtered light and a warm, humid position away from cold drafts or heat vents. The crown is prone to rot, so when the soil is near dry, sit the pot in a saucer of water and let it soak up. Feed with a diluted liquid houseplant fertiliser and rotate to encourage symmetrical growth.

## FLAMINGO FLOWER (*Anthurium andraenum*)

This vibrant plant delivers long-lasting colour with its brightly coloured, waxy spathes that surround a spike of small flowers called the spadix. Spathes can be red, pink, coral or white. Position in bright, indirect light and keep soil slightly moist. To ensure adequate humidity, place the pot on a tray filled with pebbles and water – leaf edges can brown if the air is too dry.

## ZYGOCACTUS (*Schlumbergera truncata*)

This epiphytic succulent (also known as Crab's claw cactus), blooms prolifically in the cooler months, when tubular flowers in pink, red, white, purple or apricot appear along arching, segmented stems. Grow in a well-draining potting mix; water when soil is nearly dry. Position in bright, indirect light, away from artificial light sources at night, as this may disrupt flower formation. ●



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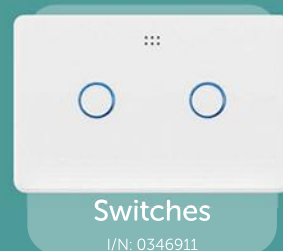
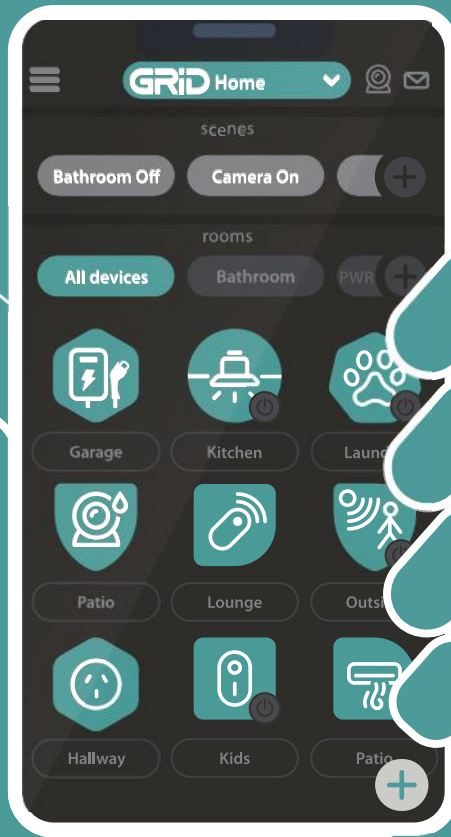
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From wifi-connected appliances to toasty outdoor fire pits, here's how to stay warm this winter.

Words *Georgia Madden*



When the chill hits, a toasty home to retreat to is everyone's priority. And if there's no ducted or reverse cycle heating, portable heaters are an excellent – and speedy – solution. They're easy to use and made to move from room to room, or to take with you if you change address. With smarter controls and improved efficiency, new models are also less likely to leave you with bill shock. So if you want to warm up a rental home without drilling into walls, or take the edge off a space that's always cool, read on to find a model for your needs.

## SPACE HEATERS

Portable options have come a long way in recent years. Anna Safaryan, buyer for Seasonal at Bunnings, says newer models are a lot better at warming rooms evenly rather than cycling on and off. "It makes spaces more comfortable and helps avoid

wasted energy," she says. Safety has improved too. "Modern heaters often include tip-over protection, overheat shut-off switches and cool-touch surfaces, making them safer for bedrooms and living areas." Design-wise, you'll now find slimline styles with rounded edges that blend seamlessly into your layout.

Plug-and-go electric heaters are the most practical option if you're in a home temporarily. Oil-filled column heaters and panel heaters deliver steady, consistent warmth with little to no noise, so are ideal for bedrooms and living areas. Tower fan heaters push warm air into a room fast, so they're handy for short bursts of heat rather than all-day use.

## SMART DESIGN

To keep comfort high and running costs low, interior designer Nicholas Kaiko of Kaiko Design Interiors recommends choosing a model ▶

## SIZE MATTERS

An appliance's dimensions affect both its heating capacity and how it fits in a room. Melbourne architect Kirsten Johnstone says a too-big heater can be visually intrusive, while too small may be ineffective. Small bedrooms and studies suit quiet panel or oil-filled heaters around 1000–1500W. Medium rooms usually need 1500–2000W, with oil-filled or panel heaters best for longer use and fan heaters for quick warm-ups. In large, open-plan rooms, zoned heating works best – position one or two portable heaters to warm where you're sitting (such as the sofa or dining table) rather than trying to heat the whole space. Outdoors, use portable gas or electric radiant heaters to warm people, not air.

with a thermostat and timer. "A programmable thermostat helps maintain a consistent temperature without overheating a room, so offers both comfort and energy efficiency, while a timer is useful for safety, switching a heater off automatically overnight or when you're out," says Nicholas.

If you want more control, consider a smart heater. "They let you control heating remotely with an app on your phone, allowing you to warm a room when you need it, rather than leaving the heater running all day," says Anna Safaryan. "They also let you set schedules that match your routine and choose an exact temperature, keeping a room comfortable and running costs in check."

### FIREPLACES AND FIRE PITS

Love a fireplace? Plug-in electric fireplaces give you the glow minus the mess or commitment. They won't heat your whole home, but they add gentle warmth and instant cosiness without smoke or the need for ventilation or permanent installation. With today's realistic flame effects, they're an easy way to create a cosy focal point in living or family rooms where mood matters as much as climate.

When the weather cools, an outdoor heater lets you keep using your balcony, courtyard or deck, rather than retreating indoors. Portable gas or electric radiant heaters deliver targeted warmth without wasting energy heating open air. But for pure glow and connection, an open flame is hard to beat. "A fire pit creates a captivating visual and a fantastic gathering point," says Kirsten Johnstone. These designs help you enjoy your alfresco space long after summer ends. ●



Get a better understanding of which model works best for your space: [bunnings.com.au/indoor-heater-guide](https://www.bunnings.com.au/indoor-heater-guide)

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Unlike other methods such as sprays, which require you stand sentry over the lunch table, respraying as the bugs keep coming, EnviroSafe works 24/7 to keep your space fly free. Simply set it up, then forget about it until the bait needs changing (every three to four weeks). Its natural formulation means the contents – flies included! – can simply be buried at least 30cm deep in soil or compost, or wrapped and placed in the outside bin.

## Choose your lure

The EnviroSafe **Fly Trap** offers a clever solution to a common problem and, with its clear sides, you can see exactly how effective it is – so many flies, so satisfying. Set it up in smelly spots where flies love to hang out, like near the bins, compost heap or chicken coop.

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## TAKE EGG-CELLENT CARE AT EASTER

It's hard to imagine a downside to chocolate, but this and other hazards make Easter a risky time for our pets.

As you're unwrapping your Easter eggs, keep them well away from furry friends – even small amounts of chocolate can be fatal. Same goes for hot cross buns, as raisins, sultanas and currants are a big no-no for dogs, and even the bread has too much sugar. If you see any signs your pet may have secretly snacked on something naughty (vomiting, diarrhoea or seizures) contact a vet immediately.

Easter lilies are a festive staple, but are also extremely toxic for cats. Best to avoid completely. Finally, make sure all decorations like ribbons, bunny ears, fake eggs and fluffy chicks are kept well out of reach, along with the rubbish bin if full of those irresistible post-Easter feast smells.

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- 2 Happy Tails large mint and parsley dental sticks, \$6.98/pack of 10, I/N: 0439277.
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## Tooth time

We know the importance of brushing our teeth regularly, but did you know dental hygiene is also essential for your pet? The RSPCA says dental disease is the most common health condition in pets, affecting 70 per cent of cats and 80 per cent of dogs by the age of three<sup>1</sup>.

Dogs and cats use their teeth in more ways than we do, so all the more reason to take care of them. Plus, if

left untreated, the bacteria from gum disease can spread to other organs.

The best method is to use pet toothpaste (the human variety is toxic to pets) on a brush or soft cloth to gently rub each tooth.

Dental chews and toys can also help, as does a healthy diet. Your vet should be inspecting your pet's teeth at their regular check-ups.

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# WHICH DOG?

If you're on the hunt for your perfect pooch, matching the breed to your home is a good place to start.

## FIND YOUR MATCH

**Lifestyle:** Are you outdoorsy or home-focused, would you like a running/hiking companion or a couch buddy, and are you prepared to do the necessary training and socialisation?

**Family make-up:** Patient, gentle breeds are better for young children, while calmer, smaller dogs with low exercise needs will suit elderly or less active people. If you have cats and other pets, it's worth looking for laidback breeds with sociability and low prey drive.

**Together time:** Some breeds are more independent and will cope better with long absences. However, dogs are fundamentally social animals – if they will be alone often, think about using a dog walker or doggy daycare, or adopting two dogs so they can keep each other company.

**A**dopting an animal is an absolute joy, but before you're seduced by the cutest furry face, take a beat. Amanda Doolan, adoption manager at Melbourne's Lort Smith Animal Hospital, says sometimes the excitement of getting a new pet can overshadow crucial factors to consider, like how much space you have. Consider the size of your home first and review these tips.

### SMALL BACKYARDS

A small backyard gives you flexibility and room for short play sessions – though Amanda cautions that even with a yard, walks are still required for exercise and mental stimulation. Look for dogs who are adaptable to both indoors and outside. Breeds that can live happily with small backyards – plus between 45 and 90 minutes of daily walks – include Beagles, Cocker Spaniels and Yorkshire Terriers.

### BIGGER BACKYARDS

"A big backyard is great, but it doesn't replace walks and socialisation," says Amanda. Medium to large dogs will enjoy the extra space to play and explore at home or out and about – although for safe off-lead activity, good recall is important. Your larger backyard could be a good match for a dog with moderate to high energy if you can also commit to giving your dog at least 90 minutes of vigorous daily exercise. These breeds include Border Collies and Siberian Huskies.

### ACREAGES

Larger dogs and working breeds will thrive on acreages, with room to roam and tasks to perform. "Remember that many farm-type breeds need both mental and physical work – not just space," says Amanda. Look for breeds that love running or working alongside people. As with all high-energy dogs

– like Kelpies and Cattle Dogs – strong recall and training is key to keeping them safe and happy.

### APARTMENTS

Small- to medium-sized dogs with a quiet temperament suit apartment dwellers. Smaller dogs are easier to manage in tight spaces, and Amanda suggests dogs that don't need long runs every day will do better. Even if your dog does have the right nature for apartment living, it's still important to provide plenty of enrichment to help avoid them getting bored and developing bad habits. Noise travels in a block of flats, so choosing a breed that is less likely to bark will keep the neighbours happy. Popular apartment dogs include Bichon Frise, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and even Greyhounds – despite their size and speed, the latter are famous loungers who only need a 30-minute walk. ▶

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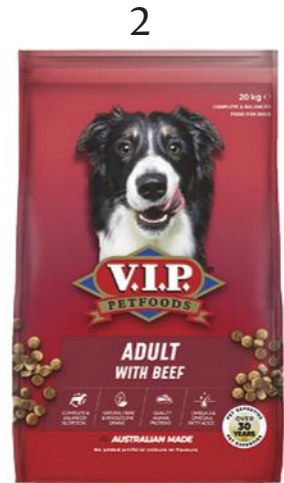
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## View the options

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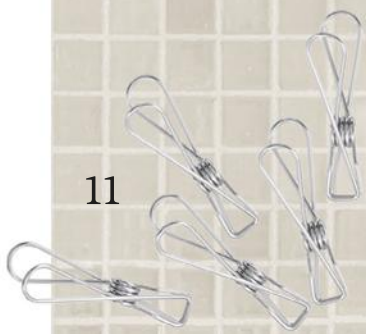
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# Clean break

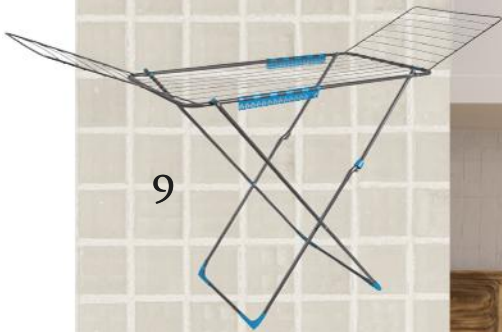
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# PICTURE OF HEALTH

Team up with Yates to give your garden a nourishing boost this autumn.

The vibrant growth of spring might seem an age away but, just like a glowing complexion, a gorgeous garden is all about what's going on under the surface. So whether you are an experienced green thumb or newbie gardener, give your garden the attention it needs now for a thriving autumn landscape and stunning spring show, using these go-to Yates products.

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## Take it easy

The key to successful gardening is consistent care, but this doesn't have to be an arduous task. Yates has a handy new garden care system designed for the time-poor gardener, allowing you to give your garden beds a nutrient boost in minutes, and with no hard labour – perfect for when those hungry spring plants start to stir. All you have to do is connect your hose and a pouch of **Yates Dynamic Lifter Click & Grow Plant Food & Soil Improver** to the trigger, set the mix dial and spray setting as directed on the pack and pull the trigger for an accurate dose. Easy peasy! Plus, it's suitable for use throughout the garden, including on natives.

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# GET THE SHED INTO SHAPE

Mark the change in season with a sorting session for your tools and gear.

Words Mitchell Mclean

There's nothing like a well-organised shed to keep home and garden tasks in check. More than just a clear-out, an annual audit is a practical way to maintain your tools, ensure safety and even save some money – plus, your future DIY self will thank you!

## EMPTY AND AUDIT

Start by removing everything from the shed to give yourself space to work. This is the perfect time to do a full inventory of your tools and garden equipment. Ask yourself: which tools do you use regularly, which ones need some maintenance and which are no longer useful? Sorting items into 'keep', 'repair' and 'dispose' piles will make the next steps much easier.

## CHECK AND REPLACE

Once you've identified what tools to keep, give them a simple maintenance check – clean blades, lubricate moving parts, tighten screws and sharpen edges. Also be sure to swap out ageing batteries – but don't throw them in the bin as they are a major fire risk and environmental hazard. Instead, tape the terminals of household and power tool batteries with a clear or non-conductive tape to prevent sparks and drop them off at a Bunnings battery recycling unit. Note that car batteries or products with embedded batteries are not accepted at Bunnings battery recycling units. ▶

## STORE AND ORGANISE

A clutter-free shed often requires clever storage solutions. Wall-mounted racks, pegboards and shelving units make tools easy to find and free up floor space. For small items like screws, nails or plant labels, consider clear bins. This can help make your shed more functional, can prevent accidental damage and also help you spot missing items before they become a problem. Plus, it will prevent you doubling up and buying items you already have.

## DISPOSE AND RECYCLE

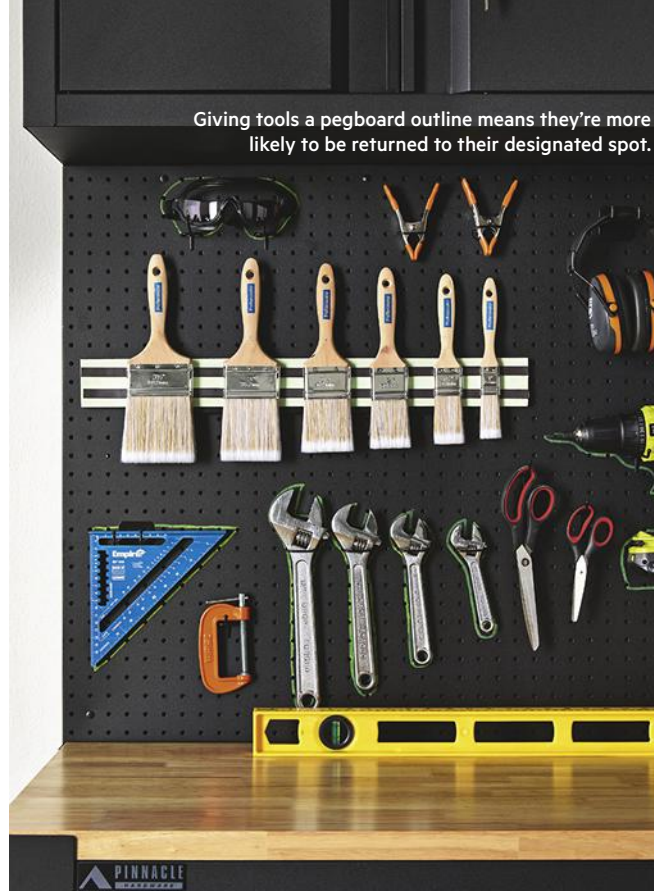
Old tools and plant pots should be recycled or disposed of responsibly to reduce environmental impact. Check with your local council for e-waste collection points or commercial recyclers for power tools. While council recycling bins usually can't take plastic pots, Bunnings can\*. All sizes of plastic plant pots, labels and stakes marked PP5 can be dropped off at participating stores to be recycled into new items. Tap out any soil beforehand to help make the recycling process cleaner. You can also take home pots from the collection bins for re-use, free of charge.

## CLEAN AND MAINTAIN

Once your items are sorted, give your shed a thorough clean. Start by sweeping the floor and dusting shelves and corners. Wipe down surfaces with a suitable cleaner to remove dirt and grime, making sure to get into nooks where tools or equipment are stored. Keeping cleaning supplies on hand will make ongoing maintenance easier, and allows you to quickly tackle dust or spills as they happen. Your newly organised and clean shed will not only look better, but will also help protect your tools and make it easy to find what you need, when you need it. ●

## Keep in mind

- Store all garden chemicals and cleaning products out of reach of children and pets, and wear a mask and gloves for serious cleaning tasks.
- When using power tools, always protect ears and eyes with ear muffs and safety glasses (gloves and mask are also recommended), follow the manufacturer's instructions and work in a well-ventilated area.



Giving tools a pegboard outline means they're more likely to be returned to their designated spot.

## PAINT PRODUCTS

Disposing of leftover paint and tins safely can be tricky. Before buying paint, estimate how much you'll need to minimise leftovers – or use up leftover paint on the easy DIY projects in the magazine! Any small amounts can be poured onto absorbent material and left to dry. Never dispose of paint in the household rubbish bin; instead, take leftover paint and empty tins to a Paintback drop-off point for free and safe recycling. Wipe off drips and seal tins tightly before dropping them off. Go to [paintback.com.au/find-location](http://paintback.com.au/find-location) to find your nearest Paintback drop-off point.

## READY, SHED, GO!



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- 1 Energizer 'Max' AA batteries, \$14.96/pack of 20, I/N: 0313139. ● 2 Absco Sheds 'Premier' 3m x 3m x 2.06m double door garden shed in Monument, \$858, I/N: 0084389. ● 3 Montgomery 603mm x 153mm x 123mm 5 drawer storage organiser, \$22.98, I/N: 0327653. ● 4 Pinnacle Hardware heavy duty double prong pegboard hooks in Black Gloss, \$20/pack of 6, I/N: 0135515. ● 5 Pinnacle Hardware 1600mm x 910mm x 540mm XL 3 drawer timber top storage unit, \$885, I/N: 0484542. ● 6 Keter 'Darwin' 1.2m x 1.2m (4" x 4") garden shed in Grey, \$890, I/N: 0975590\*. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.



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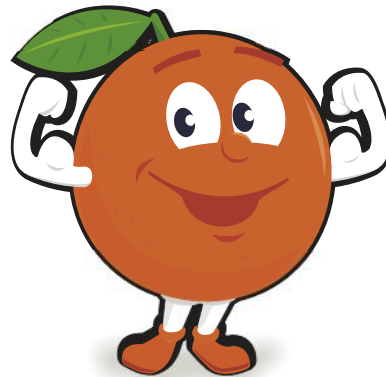
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# Easter on show

Craft cute and cheeky decos little ones will love.

Words *Artemis Gouros* Projects *Mo Wyse*  
Photography *Martina Gemmola*  
Styling *Tamara Maynes*



Pick it up!  
Transform a plain pot with colour

● **Vaseria 17cm Italian terracotta pot**, \$2.29, I/N: 2832559.

## You will need

- Safety equipment (gloves)
- Drop sheet
- Small terracotta pot
- Acrylic craft paints and palette
- Paintbrushes
- Serrated knife
- Florist's foam
- Faux foliage and flowers
- Cottonwool
- Craft glue
- 7cm foam craft ball
- White card
- Pencil
- Scissors



## BUNNY POT

Give a rascally rabbit their own pretty patch to play in – bottoms up!

● **DIY bunny pot** made using: Vaseria terracotta pot as left; Boyle 'Luxe Acrylic Pastel Collection' premium paints, \$14.46/pack of 6, I/N: 0322607 (Lemon Sorbet, Baby Blue and Pink Mist used), and PVA craft glue, \$2.24/250ml, I/N: 0400203; Un-Real 23cm artificial flower dry foam brick, \$6.50, I/N: 0201235; artificial flowers – 30cm 'Lavender' in Purple, \$2.20, I/N: 0198003, and (on table) Pink, \$2.20, I/N: 0197990, 38cm 'Grass' in Pink, \$6.50, I/N: 0428963, 30cm 'Hydrangea' in Blue, \$4.50, I/N: 0203365, and 65cm 'Hydrangea' in Pink, \$9.50, I/N: 0203827. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.



### STEP 1: PAINT

**1** Apply two coats of yellow paint to the outside of the pot; leave to dry after each coat. Use a brush to apply two coats of blue paint to the inside and outside of the pot rim, and a scallop design below the rim; leave to dry after each coat.



### STEP 2: FILL

**2** Use a serrated knife to cut florist's foam into a cylinder to fit inside the pot. Insert faux foliage and flowers into the foam, trimming stems as needed. Ensure the arrangement has space at the front for the bunny, then insert it into the pot.



### STEP 3: GLUE

**3** Glue a generous ball of cottonwool to the craft ball as a bunny tail; leave to set. Position in the pot. Draw two bunny foot shapes onto white card, cut out and paint paw pads in pink; leave to dry. Glue bunny feet to the bunny bottom; leave to set. ▶



# EASTER BASKET

Welcome holiday visitors with an on-theme display.

## You will need

- Safety equipment (gloves)
- Drop sheet
- Serrated knife
- Florist's foam
- Faux foliage and flowers
- Scissors
- Wall basket
- 60mm burlap
- Marker
- Paper plates
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic craft paint and palette
- Craft glue
- Masking tape
- Removable wall hooks



**Pick it up!**  
Fill with lush  
faux florals

- Brunnings 'Georgian'  
40cm wall basket in Black,  
\$21.14, I/N: 2890802.

TOP ● **DIY Easter basket** made using: Brunnings wall basket as above; Un-Real 23cm artificial flower dry foam brick, \$6.50, I/N: 0201235; artificial flowers – 90cm 'Native Golden Wattle', \$12.50, I/N: 0198042, 65cm 'Hydrangea', all \$9.50, in Green, I/N: 0203856, Pink, I/N: 0203827, and White, I/N: 0203819; 90cm 'Frangipani' in Yellow, \$12.50, I/N: 0205018, 35cm 'Twin Dahlia' in White, \$4.50, I/N: 0197975, and 30cm 'Peony' in Purple, \$2.20, I/N: 0198004; Crafted 60mm burlap in Natural, \$5/5m, I/N: 0323858, and project paint in Pink Pearlescent, \$7.49/300ml, I/N: 0323839; Boyle PVA craft glue, \$2.24/250ml, I/N: 0400203; and Bear 'Interior Decorator' 24mm masking tape, \$6.07/50m, I/N: 0144251. ● Basket hung using Command medium adhesive hooks in White, \$4.99/pack of 2, I/N: 3952529. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.



## STEP 1: FILL

1 Use a serrated knife to cut florist's foam into three blocks to fit in the basket. Insert faux foliage and flower stems into foam, trimming stems as needed. Place arrangement into the basket.



## STEP 2: TRIM

2 Cut a 120cm length of burlap, form into a bow and tie onto front rim of the basket through the loop using a burlap strip. Cut V shapes at the ends of the bow tails.



## STEP 3: GLUE

3 Use a black marker to draw a bunny face on a paper plate. Cut two bunny ears from another plate and paint pink, leaving a 5mm border. Glue to back of face plate; let set.



## STEP 4: HANG

4 Attach a trimmed faux plant stem to the back of the plate with masking tape to extend 100mm from the base, then insert into the back of the arrangement. Hang basket using two removable wall hooks.



## MINI EGG POTS

Turn breakfast eggshells into a child-friendly flower show.

ABOVE ● **DIY mini egg pots** made using: Boyle 'Luxe Acrylic Pastel Collection' premium **paints**, \$14.46/pack of 6, I/N: 0322607 (Baby Blue used); Seasol 'Seed Raising & Cutting' **potting mix**, \$7.39/10L, I/N: 0274166; and Mr Fothergill's **seeds** as below.

### You will need

- Safety equipment (gloves and mask)
- Drop sheet
- Six eggshells
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic craft paint
- Scissors
- Dozen-egg carton
- Seed-raising mix
- Flower seeds or seedlings
- Spray bottle



Pick it up!  
Choose delicate blooms

● Mr Fothergill's  
'Forget Me Not' flower  
seeds, \$4.56, I/N: 2960461.

### HOW TO

Rinse saved eggshells; let dry. Paint the eggshells blue; let dry. Cut lid off egg carton, then cut in half. Position eggshells in holes of one half carton, fill with seed-raising mix and plant seeds; water in using a spray bottle. When shoots appear, transfer egg pots to other half carton for display. **Tip:** You can plant small seedlings in the eggshells for faster results. ●



### Keep in mind

- Keep gardening, craft and food utensils separate.
- Always supervise children's use of cutting implements.
- Take care when selecting your plants as some can be poisonous to children and pets, and wear gloves and a mask when handling potting mix.



# THE EXPERIENCE MATTERS



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For all product details,  
see pages 18 and 19.

# COLOUR-BLOCK WALL

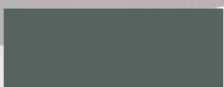
This rewarding weekend project puts leftover paint to good use. Assemble a pleasing palette and get started on your bedroom refresh. See Watch it! (opposite page) for how to prep the wall before you start.

• **DIY colour-block wall** made using: Selleys 'Liquid Nails Strong Fast Grab' adhesive as opposite; Porta 'Square Edged' 20mm x 8mm clear pine boards, \$12.10/2.4m, I/N: 8480022\*; and ScotchBlue 'ProSharp' 24mm painter's tape, \$9.99/55m, I/N: 0825867. Some advertised services and products are not available at some Bunnings stores, but products can be ordered.

**Back in black**  
Create cohesion with pieces that match your design's borders.



## PALETTE



Taubmans  
Team Spirit



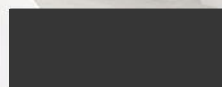
Taubmans  
Baby Bear



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Designer White



Taubmans  
Bleached Leather



Taubmans  
All Black



Pick it up!  
For a swift and sturdy grip

- Selleys 'Liquid Nails Strong Fast Grab' adhesive, \$7.45/420g, I/N: 1230096.



**STEP 1: MARK**

1 Measure the wall, then sketch your chosen design to scale on grid paper. Use a tape measure to mark the lines on the wall in pencil. Draw the lines using a straightedge, checking for level and plumb as you go.



**STEP 2: MASK**

2 To mask off the sections, apply painter's tape to the marked horizontal lines, checking for level and pressing tape edges firmly. Apply tape to vertical lines, checking for plumb and pressing tape edges firmly.

Tools & materials

- Safety equipment (gloves, mask, and eye and ear protection)
- Ladder
- Tape measure and pencil
- Grid paper
- Straightedge
- Spirit level
- 24mm painter's tape
- Drop sheet
- 230mm paint roller frame with covers and trays
- Handsaw
- Lint-free cloth
- Paintbrush
- Caulking gun
- Leftover low-sheen paint (we used Taubmans 'Easycoat All Walls' in Baby Bear, Designer White, Team Spirit, Bleached Leather and All Black)
- Two 20mm x 8mm x 2.4m square edged pine\*
- 180-grit sandpaper
- Leftover primer (we used Taubmans '3 in 1 Prep' in White)
- Construction adhesive cartridge



**STEP 3: PAINT**

3 Working on a drop sheet, use a roller to apply one coat of paint to each section, leave to dry, then apply a second coat. **Tip:** Keep roller covers and trays for each colour in snaplock bags between coats.



**STEP 4: REMOVE**

4 While the second coat is still tacky, carefully pull the painter's tape away on an angle. Leave paint to dry completely. **Tip:** Don't worry if the line edges aren't perfect as they'll be covered by the pine.



**STEP 5: TRIM**

5 Mark the timber to length and cut using a handsaw. Sand cut edges; wipe dust. Apply primer and two coats of black paint with a brush; leave to dry after each coat. Run a bead of adhesive along the back of each piece and attach to the wall. ▶

**MURAL MUSE**

This wall design was inspired by the work of Dutch painter Piet Mondrian (1872-1944). An abstract art pioneer, his early work was in landscapes and still life, then evolved over time into the modern geometric paintings he is most famous for. Mondrian favoured primary colours, black, white and grey, with clean lines and right angles. We have tweaked the concept by using fewer lines and a softer palette of Taubmans Baby Bear, Designer White, Team Spirit and Bleached Leather colours.

Watch it!



Achieve a flawless finish with these pre-painting steps:  
[bunnings.com.au/wall-preparation](http://bunnings.com.au/wall-preparation)

Keep in mind

- Always use the right ladder for the job. Make sure it has non-slip feet and is set up on a flat, stable and solid surface. Wear sturdy footwear, maintain three points of contact (for example both feet and one hand) on it at all times and make sure another person is nearby in case you need assistance.
- A platform ladder or scaffold may be a safer, more practical option when you need to have paint tins or trays within easy reach.
- When painting, always wear safety equipment (eye protection and mask) and ensure the room is well ventilated. Keep all paint and chemicals out of reach of children and pets.

# The project

Paint your way to a modern art masterpiece.

Words *Artemis Gouros* Photography *Martina Gemmola*  
Styling *Ariel Coop*

Project cost  
**UNDER**  
**\$55\***  
excludes  
paint

## GRAPHIC WALL

### Why you need it

This retro-inspired DIY can turn any blank wall into an impressive feature. And it's as easy as using tape and a roller – no tricky techniques or tools required. The black lines are lengths of painted timber attached with adhesive, making it renter friendly too (with landlord approval). The colour scheme is bold but very liveable and can be switched up to suit your style. ●



**MAKE IT YOURS! TURN TO PAGE 72  
FOR OUR DIY STEPS AND MATERIALS**

\*Project cost is based on the prices of materials purchased at Alexandria, NSW, store (tools and paint not included) and is correct at time of printing.

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