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It seems that, in many facets of our lives, we are making do with less – less time, less space, less money.

I've long been a believer of the adage 'pressure makes diamonds', that in situations where our resources are squeezed, the challenge to do what we can with what we have can push us to achieve unexpectedly dazzling results.

When applied to decorating, these constraints can force a shift in perspective. Looking at a problem with fresh eyes can help us recognise that the best solution to the design dilemma at hand may not require buying something new. The perfect piece to tie together your space may, in fact, be one you already own. Or, it could be sitting in an op shop or a friend's garage, just waiting to be reinvented and given new purpose.


In this issue, we've focused on returning back to our resourceful roots and 'number 8 wire' mentality, showcasing the ingenuity of a host of clever homeowners, designers, architects and stylists with plenty of ideas that you can apply to your own home.

You'll also see a couple of remarkable renovations and small spaces that have made brilliant use of the limited area available and worked wonders with it. Whether you've got room to spare or if you have to milk every square metre, there is a lot that can be learned from their savvy solutions that will help you make the most of your next decorating project.

Happy reading!

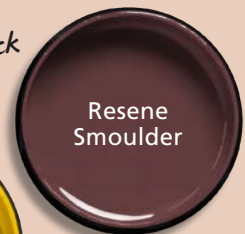
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Three of my favourite colours from the current fashion fandeck



One small step in a new direction is all it takes to step out of your comfort zone.

We often see our customers agonising over which white or neutral paint colour or which plain wallpaper to choose, yet those choosing bright colours and bold wallpapers often make quick decisions and seem so sure of their colour and wallpaper choices. What's their secret? It all comes down to confidence.

Many of us have a tendency to worry about what others might think about our decorating colour choices. That might make sense on the outside of our homes where anyone passing by can see what has been done, but when you think about it, so few people actually see the inside of our homes. Of those that come in, the ones that matter are those who already know us and are unlikely to be surprised by whatever we choose.

Look to colours that play up who you are. Think fresh yellows and bright blues for optimism, deep purples and reds for drama, weathered blues and greys for laidback – there are colour combinations to suit all personalities.

Even if you're opting for a plain exterior, always remember to add a little personality – with a colourful front door, painted plant pots or a bold or interesting letterbox. Even small touches of colour will elevate your home and help lift your mood when you come in after a busy day.

Next time you're struggling to choose between two colours or wallpapers, be brave and pick the bolder or riskier one. It might be just what you need to get you on the pathway to enjoying a more colourful life.

Happy decorating!

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