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**LAUNDRIES
TO LOVE**

WHO KNEW
THEY COULD BE
SO COOL?

**OLD CLASSICS
A FRENCH
FEAST WITH
FRIENDS**

**GARDEN
DECOR &
BACKYARD
BONFIRES**

WINTER WONDERLAND

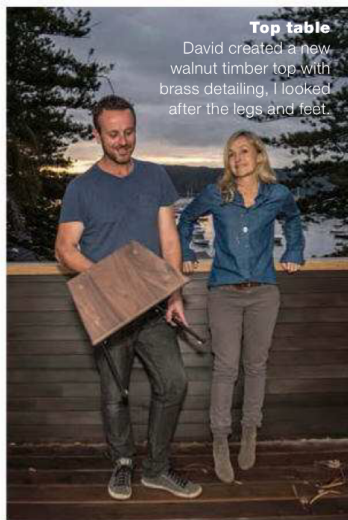
REINVENT YOUR ROOMS WITH WALLPAPER



Who, what, where: wallpaper
Be bold and transform your home with gorgeous wallpaper! Turn to page 55 for the lowdown.



Cute checks
real living for
Freedom "Beautiful
Thing" **cushion** in
Orange (50cm),
\$39.95, Freedom.



Top table
David created a new
walnut timber top with
brass detailing, I looked
after the legs and feet.



Goin' green
You can never have too many
indoor plants! Check out this
beaut home on page 78.



Drumroll...
It took me three attempts
at sanding and spraying
the legs to meet Dave's
standards, but it's finished!

WELCOME

THERE IS ONE TREND that is popping up in interiors across the globe. You just need to flick through this issue to spot it. Yes, it's the cosy sheepskin – great for an office chair (page 27), perfect for all the dining chairs and stools (pages 30 & 98), cool tossed over the living room chairs (page 85), or simply the sofa (page 100), hang on, even the outdoor chair (page 152), and, of course, ideal for any floor! Definitely the best and most affordable little updater for every room. I bought one this week and flung it over our butterfly chair, which was looking too summery – it made not only the chair but the entire living room look snugly, cosy and warm.

Back at the **real living** desk, without my sheepskin (brrrr), style editor Sarah Ellison has been creating the most glorious rooms with wallpaper (see page 55). I love how she has mixed it up with two wallpapers in the same room on the cover, very glam and a whole new bold take on working with wallpaper – she really is the creative bomb! My fave wallpaper is the Matthew Williamson design on page 62, it's perfect for any bedroom. Even a large piece framed would be gorgeous above the bed. Whether in every room of the home, a feature wall or a simple nook, wallpaper is worth giving a try, and if you do please tag us on Insta: @reallivingmag.

A few months ago the team from Feast Watson asked if I'd be involved in their Re-Love Project. The concept: find a discarded piece of timber furniture and give it some love. The finished piece is then auctioned off to raise money for Salvos Stores. I was going to need some tools and a craftsman. So I tracked down one of the best – David Moses from David Moses Design – to see if he'd collaborate. Big YES! We were in business. I retrieved a little 40cm-tall retro side table with good bones for \$12 from the Salvos and we got to work (see the "before" pic on **real living**'s Instagram). Please jump online, www.ebay.com.au/usr/feastwatsonre-loveproject to meet all the designers, stylists and bloggers who were involved, to see their projects and, if you fall in love, you can bid from July 8 to 17. Imagine owning a one-off piece of furniture that has made a difference. Good luck!



Floral field
real living for
Freedom "Wild Flower"
quilt, \$149, Freedom.
1.5m x 1.7m.



HOT OFF THE PRESS!
Use the free **viewa** app
and scan this page to see
all the cool stuff Deb's
discovered this month.

Metallic mood
Mood **table lamp** in Gold,
\$69.95, Domayne.

photography holly stanton photography (deb & david; table);
felix forest (wallpaper); mark c o'flaherty/living inside (interior)

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cover

Jewel box

There's no better time to stay indoors and give your home a makeover with wonderful wallpaper. Flip to page 55 for all you need to know...

Criss-cross luxe

Modern Sumak
Tulu rug, \$2200,
Koskela.
2.39m x 1.83m.

Colour splash

French Kiss Lip Cocktail Reds
lipstick in Red Lotus, \$29.50, and
Forbidden Ink **lip liner** in Racy
Reds, \$39.95, Mirenésse.

COVER GET THE LOOK

Baby, it's cold outside... the perfect time to add warmth and beauty to interiors with **tantalising wallpaper**

YOU CAN COMPLETELY change the tone and look of a room by hanging an amazing wallpaper. Take our cover, for example. It's filled with plush velvet and glimmering accents, but it's the wallpaper that takes the room to another level. When choosing your own design, be bold, be brave, but most of all, be YOU. **o**

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hair & makeup allison boyce/the artist group

Velvety soft

Organic Modernism
"Florence C" 4-seat velvet sofa,
\$2795, Clickon Furniture.

Enticing blue

Penny Round
velvet cushion
cover in Cobalt
(37cm), \$49, Castle.

Rocking luxe

Marble cushion in
Blue (43cm), \$130,
Kerrie Brown.

Lustrous glow

Myriad skirt in
Rose Gold, \$479,
Ginger & Smart.
For stockists,
see page 200.

Oceanic beauty

Torrent vase in Blue,
\$90, Have You Met
Miss Jones.

Chunky glitz

Tom Dixon "Mass" coffee
table, \$2013, Dedee.

Gold stars

Tom Dixon "Gem"
candlestick
(23cm high), \$170,
and vase in Gold
(22cm), \$180,
Dedee.

Bubble chic

Tank "Stem" vase
by Tom Dixon, \$180,
Dedee. 29cm high.

Love (kn)it

So Seldom
sweater in
Spruce, \$295,
Life With Bird.

WATCH A VIDEO!

Use the free **viewa** app to scan this page to watch a fun behind-the-scenes vid from the wallpaper shoot.

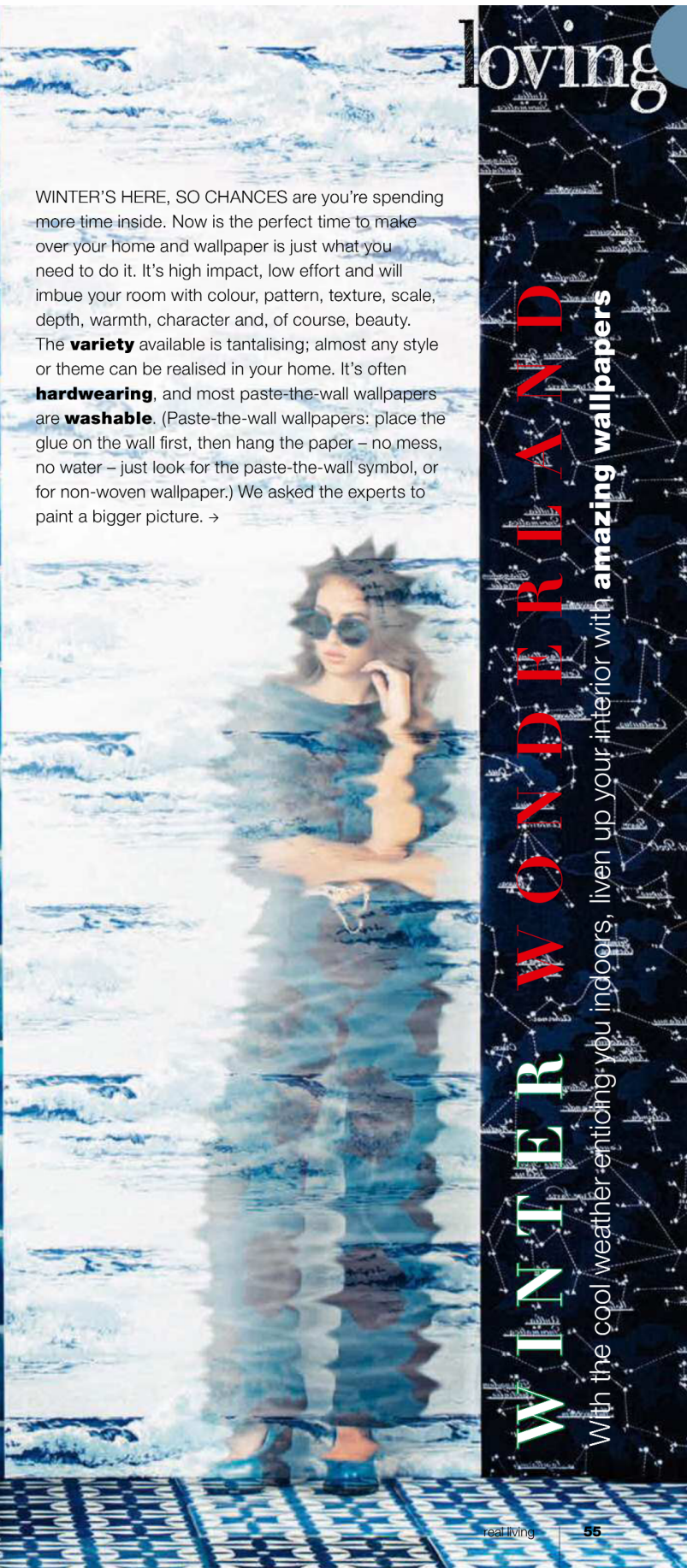




**Watery haze
WALLPAPER FROM**

LEFT Sisters Gulassa "Yves Klein" in **Cobalt**, \$123.50 a lineal m (1.27m wide), Emily Ziz Style Studio. Shoji in **Prussian Blue**, \$66 a lineal m (71cm wide), Quercus & Co. Osborne & Little "Marmara" in **W6756-01**, \$158.40 for a 10m roll (68.5cm wide), Seneca Textiles. Little Owl Design "Nightsky" in **Ink Blue**, \$259 for a 6m roll (48.7cm wide), Emily Ziz Style Studio. **THE REST** Capri wire counter **stool**, \$249, Life Interiors. **ON FLOOR** Xanthe plywood **tiles** in Blue, \$25 each, Bonnie And Neil (tiles are not suitable for high-traffic areas unless coated with a clear lacquer).

VANESSA WEARS Jada **top**, \$379, and Janna **pants**, \$399, Marimekko. Bouquet **sunnies**, \$250, Preen. Captain's **belt**, \$55, and Adrianna **heels**, \$435, Karen Walker.



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WINTER WONDERLAND

With the cool weather enticing you indoors, liven up your interior with **amazing wallpapers**

WINTER'S HERE, SO CHANCES are you're spending more time inside. Now is the perfect time to make over your home and wallpaper is just what you need to do it. It's high impact, low effort and will imbue your room with colour, pattern, texture, scale, depth, warmth, character and, of course, beauty. The **variety** available is tantalising; almost any style or theme can be realised in your home. It's often **hardwearing**, and most paste-the-wall wallpapers are **washable**. (Paste-the-wall wallpapers: place the glue on the wall first, then hang the paper – no mess, no water – just look for the paste-the-wall symbol, or for non-woven wallpaper.) We asked the experts to paint a bigger picture. →



A woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a white t-shirt and a patterned skirt, stands in a tropical setting with palm trees and a sunset sky. Overlaid on the image are several vertical strips of different wallpaper patterns: a dark, textured pattern, a light blue pattern with white starbursts, and a blue and white floral pattern.

WHICH TYPE FOR WHAT ROOM?

Deciding the type of paper to buy should be informed by the **functional requirement** of the room it will hang in, Jacinta advises. "Wallpaper for the **kitchen** should be **vinyl, stain-resistant or washable** – ditto for a playroom," she says. "Textured grass and raffia papers are not washable, and not seam or join-free – so this kind of paper creates a stripe or panel effect. Very Ralph Lauren. There are **moisture-resistant** wallpapers designed to cope with steamy environments, so perfect for the **bathroom**. Some wallpapers can even improve the acoustics of a room, and for more extreme environments wallpapers can even be scented!" Effie agrees: "We recommend vinyls for high-traffic areas and bathrooms as they are washable and durable. **Textural wallpapers** can create a haven effect in the **bedroom** or **living** areas, and murals are great for common areas."

TOP TIPS

Pop samples on walls first to visualise results. **Double-check meterage.** Buy an extra roll from the same batch so the dye-lot is identical. Use non-woven wallpapers if easy removal is a priority. Don't install if you don't have patience, leave it to the professionals. **Don't be afraid** of pattern, it pulls spaces together and you can layer on top of it. Be mindful of the scale of the design and its impact on the space. Consider plain textured paper for all walls. **Use it in unexpected places** such as splashbacks, ceilings or closets. →



Shibori & stripes
WALLPAPER FROM LEFT Matthew Williamson "Cocos", \$151.80 for a 10m roll (52cm wide), Seneca Textiles. Still Life in **Blue Mountains**, \$85 a sq m, Kerrie Brown. Linea in **Aquamarine**, \$66 a lineal m (71cm wide), Quercus & Co. Designers Guild "Jade Temple" in **Cornflower**, \$676 for a 3m roll (1.4m wide), Radford Furnishings. No. 2 in **Cadet Blue**, \$66 a lineal m (71cm wide), Quercus & Co. **THE REST** Reuben plywood **desk** in Mint, \$649, Life Interiors. **ON FLOOR** Plywood **tiles**: Xanthe in Blue, Flower in Turquoise and Scarf in Green, \$25 each, Bonnie And Neil. **VANESSA WEARS** Farrah **T-shirt** in Pearl, \$89, One Teaspoon. Allegra **crop top**, \$220, Faddoul. Void **skirt**, \$720, Camilla And Marc. Show Girl **heels**, \$700, Stuart Weitzman. Flower & Stones **earrings**, \$90, Karen Walker.