



COLOUR TREND

berry burst

Embrace the juicy fruit fusion where plum meets cherry red

STYLING ALICIA SCIBERRAS

1. 4 Seasons' low sheen exterior **paint** in Indian Red, \$61.90/4L, British Paints, britishpaints.com.au. 2. 'Clean & Protect' low sheen interior **paint** in Merlot Valley, \$60.90/4L, British Paints, as before. 3. Mobles114 'Tube' **armchair**, \$816.20, Ke-Zu, kezuz.com.au. 4. Maxalto 'Loto' **ottoman**, \$2790, Space Furniture, spacefurniture.com.au. 5. 'Ådum' **rug**, \$79, IKEA, ikea.com/au. 6. 'Beam' **coat rack**, \$215, Hay, hayshop.com.au. 7. 'Glaze' **bowl**, \$115, BoConcept, boconcept.com.au. 8. 'Flocca' linen **pillowcase**, \$69, Hale Mercantile Co., halemercantileco.com. 9. Hartó 'Desire' **side table**, \$416, Clickon Furniture, clickonfurniture.com.au. 10. Hay 'About A Lounge' **sofa**, \$5419, Cult, cultdesign.com.au. 11. & 12. 'Cord' **keyring**, \$43, and **hangers**, \$46/set of 3, Hay, as before. 13. &Tradition 'Cloud' **foot stool**, \$2950, Great Dane, greatdane.com.au.

"A dramatic berry tone brings glamour and adds depth to a look" ALICIA SCIBERRAS, ACTING STYLE EDITOR

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the flooring "I'd assume the body corporate would require an acoustic membrane if you're doing a fixed floor; alternatively, you could float the floor to avoid noise transfer to the apartment below," says Anne Plumb, general manager of Harper & Sandilands (royaloakfloors.com.au). "The best way to plan a timber floor is to work out the proportions of the room (which will lead you to a decision on board size); the direction you want the boards to run (in this instance, I'd suggest parallel to the long length of the walls, which will elongate the appearance of the room); and your budget. **Another consideration is the floor height. I'd recommend 10mm flooring for Justin and Karèn** as, once you add the glue layers and the acoustic matting, it will end up around the 15mm mark, which transitions well to tiles in the bathroom. Karèn raised the issue of it being cold underfoot in winter but timber isn't cold compared to concrete or tiles, and the acoustic matting will add an extra insulation barrier. I think they should consider running timber throughout. Using one single floorcovering will give a more cohesive appearance to the apartment and let the furniture and accessories be the focus."

Royal Oak Floors' Architect Collection' 158mm x 10mm x 1830mm timber flooring in White Smoked from \$93.50/sqm. Harper & Sandilands. royaloakfloors.com.au.



the bathroom "This is a sizeable space for a family bathroom but it desperately needs a rethink," says architect Andrew. "**The huge shower is taking up way too much space.** I'm not a big fan of baths, but I know young families are generally keen to have one so, in this case, I'd suggest putting the shower over the bath - choose one with a squared-off bottom so it's comfortable to stand in - which would free up space for a luxurious double vanity and wall-hung toilet. Semi-recessed cupboards would get rid of the bump in the wall and add heaps of storage. They needn't be too deep: most good architects adhere to the 'toilet roll rule' where one roll deep is ideal. Two is also good. One and half? Pointless!"

"Timber is like the skin; it absorbs and releases moisture. If you're comfortable inside, your floors will be, too" ANNE PLUMB, HARPER & SANDILANDS



Streamlined storage will help maintain an open feel in a small bathroom.



the palette "You can't compete with the views and you'd be crazy to try," says stylist Lisa. "**With views like these, the windows are the artworks.** For the interior colour palette, I'd keep it contemporary but classic with a touch of Hamptons; neutral shades, timber and textures in the furnishings. The north-west aspect means you can enjoy fabulous sunsets from the living area and master bedroom, but the afternoon sun can be fierce so it's important to stick to cool tones, such as blues and greys in the carpet and flooring. If Karèn wants to keep the carpet in the bedrooms, a nice fat grey sisal would work best."

1. Knoll 'Saarinen' side table by Eero Saarinen, \$1320, Dedece, dedece.com.
2. 'Basix Stripe' European pillowcase, \$85, Hale Mercantile Co., halemercantile.com.
3. 'Cloud' blanket, \$578, Jardan, jardan.com.au.



the ceiling "Vermiculite was commonly used on ceilings in the late '60s and '70s," says builder Wayd. "**It has great thermal and sound-insulation properties but it does look a bit like popcorn.** If you want to remove it, make sure it doesn't contain any asbestos; if it does, you'll need a certified asbestos removalist to get rid of it. The easier option is to put plasterboard over it on battens. The drawback with this is that you won't be able to install downlights with the drop in ceiling height." **10**