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GORGEOUS IDEAS TO BRING YOUR DREAM HOME TO LIFE

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Every year it's with our eyes on the design horizon that our annual Style Forecast emerges. Here is just one of the five key trends, Modern Wanderer, conjuring a mood that's worldly and warm with its combination of exotic pieces and homegrown appeal. Read on to discover them all.

FROM LEFT: 'Chinese Drum' side table, \$1210, Indigo Love. Dreamweaver 'Bell Weaver' pendant, \$1200, Pop & Scott. Love Warriors 'Sky Circles' print, \$349, Norsu Interiors. On bed, from left: 'Standard Basix' pillowcase in Fog, \$59, 'Basix' fitted sheet, \$385/queen, flat sheet, \$395/queen both in Floss, 'Flocca' duvet cover in Oro, \$550/queen, all Hale Mercantile Co; 'Linen Stitch' cushion in Sunset, \$265, Jardan; handmade throw, \$90, Dear September. Rosemary Mamuniny 'Dilly' bag, \$275, Koskela. For a similar ladder, try Seasonal Concepts. 'Jali' cabinet, \$2695, Stone Pony. On cabinet, from left: 'Plaj' robe \$99, Atolyia; beaded 'Bali' baskets, \$65/medium, \$100/extra large, both Orient House. Coffee table, \$375, Stone Pony. Bone beads, \$89, Faded Empire. 'Tribal' headdress, \$165, Lumu Interiors. Floor kilim, \$1650, Atolyia. Stockists, page 220 >

DESIGNER'S DIARY:

barbara hermon

SENIOR AND DOYENNE OF THE MELBOURNE INTERIORS SCENE, BARBARA HERMON SHARES HER FAVOURITE SPOTS TO SHOP AUTHENTIC AUSTRALIAN DESIGN AND TREASURES FROM FAR-FLUNG SHORES WITH WELSBY PHOTOGRAPHY MARTINA GEMMOLA



Tait Outdoor

The quality of Tait furniture shines through in everything they create. Australian designed and made, it's great for domestic and commercial environments, and their smaller pieces are perfect for apartments and balconies. The Breeze collection (above) is my favourite for its simplicity and the best Tidal range designed by Trent Jansen is stunning. It sits well in any environment and it's comfortable!" **Visit:** 176 Johnston Street, Fitzroy, Vic, (03) 9419 7484. **Open:** Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 11am-4pm. **Bookmark:** madebytait.com.au.



Barbara, who created the iconic Hermon & Hermon with her husband, John, peruses the shelves in another one of her favourite shops, Mondopiero; mondopiero.com.au.

ORIENT HOUSE

"Orient House (below) is a Sydney-based treasure trove of great furniture, accessories and architectural statement pieces from Africa and Asia. I always love to pop in when I'm visiting Sydney." **Visit:** 45 Bridge Road, Glebe, NSW, (02) 9660 3895. **Open:** Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 10am-4pm; Sun, 12pm-4pm. **Bookmark:** orienthouse.com.au. >



KAZARI

"Kazari run by the talented Joyce family is a must visit. They sell the very best Japanese antiques and textiles. I've been a customer for years and I find it very hard to resist popping in. I even have to stop myself from driving past - it's such a temptation! I think my love for Japanese furniture and accessories came from living there as a child in the '50s. I have a particular addiction to anything in red lacquer." **Visit:** 450 Malvern Road, Prahran, Vic, (03) 9510 2528. **Open:** Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 12pm-4pm. **Bookmark:** kazari.com.au.



Zuster

"Zuster is a fabulous Australian furniture company founded by sisters Wilhelmina McCarroll and Fleur Sibbel. I love the simple lines and beautiful quality of their creations; their new Jewel collection (above) is stunning. They've also teamed up with Reece and have created beautiful timber bathroom furniture called Issy, which makes a statement." **Visit:** 370 Swan Street, Richmond, Vic, (03) 9427 7188. **Open:** Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm; Sat, 10am-5pm. **Bookmark:** zuster.com.au.



Hale Mercantile Co

"Being an absolute lover of linen bedding, I think the Australian range from Hale Mercantile Co is the best. The Flocca linen is a release and it comes in the most delicious colour combination. Linen is simply superb to sleep within and it's so easy to care for - no ironing needed! They also have lovely linen-covered armchairs and chaises, curtains and tablecloths." **Bookmark:** (03) 9939 1267, halemercantileco.com. 

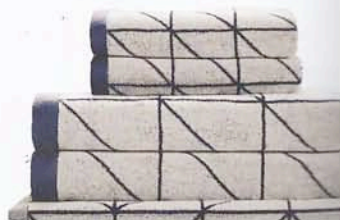


IDEA Embolden neutral schemes with solid colours, on-trend geometric prints or add textural appeal to a monochrome look with beautiful loomed towels in natural organic fabrics.

SHOPPING



'Fidelis' bath towel, \$99/each, Ziporah Lifestyle.



'Kami' towel set in Dove/Indigo, \$179/set of 5, Aura.



'Flocca' linen bath towel in Tempest Waffle, \$155/each, Hale Mercantile Co.



'Truva' hand towels in Charcoal, \$29/each, and towels, \$59/each, Atolyia.

towels & mats

Draw inspiration from luxury hotels and day-spas and invest in gorgeous, fluffy towels. "Wrapping yourself in a towel is a daily ritual we all love, and as the finishing touch to a bathroom, they need to look and feel beautiful," says Sharon Patsiotis of Hale Mercantile Co, which offer inviting, pure-linen waffle towels. Simple fringing details

and tassels can add an exotic feel to these everyday items, and thick-pile floor mats are perfect to sink your toes into. Another option is sophisticated, slimline-Turkish hammam towels. "They're incredibly fast drying, can double as a beach towel and their flat-woven design means they take up less space on shelves and in the washing machine," says Verity Kizek of Atolyia. >



'Spice' bath towel, \$79.95/each, Sunday Mixx Stockists, page 220