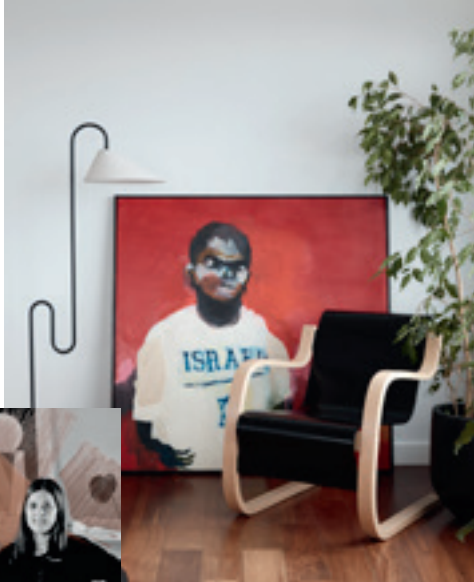


Got a burning interiors question? Interior stylists and designers Christina Symes and Jessica Stewart from We Are Triibe have the answers. You're welcome

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**Q: STYLE STALEMATE**

My partner and I have differing tastes in style. How do we meet in the middle to create a cohesive home?

**A:** Blending styles can actually create a really interesting and layered space. First, identify the key furniture items that you would like to be the heroes in each room, and then introduce items with a complementing form and colour palette. Also, be mindful of the scale of furniture that you pair together so the room feels balanced.

**Q: TREND TRAGIC**

I find myself buying into trends which I always seem to grow tired of after about 12 months. Can you recommend ways to avoid this?

**A:** Firstly, it's best to identify what interior scheme you would like to create in your space, which will in turn help you purchase more mindfully and invest in pieces that will last the test of time. It's OK to buy into trends, but opting for soft furnishings like throws, cushions and tabletop items will be less expensive to replace or give away at a later date.

**Q: NEW HOME, OLD FURNITURE**

I've recently moved into a newly renovated apartment and I'm finding that my mid-century furniture looks disjointed. Can you recommend ways to better incorporate it into the space?

**A:** The best ways to create a nice fusion of old and new interiors is to establish a balance of height, textures and finishes throughout. Start by hanging artworks in frames that complement the furniture, and introduce softer, neutral



furnishings, like curtains and textural rugs, that will tie the space together.

**Q: KITCHEN ELEVATION**

When selecting finishes for my kitchen renovation, I'm trying to avoid playing it too safe, but I'm worried if I opt for something like a unique splashback it will feel outdated too quickly. I'd love some advice on this!

**A:** A great way to add a bit of interest to a kitchen without it tiring over time is to opt for neutral or earthy tones that are complementary to many schemes, and when using tiles, for example, be more unique with the tile lay or grout colour. Additionally, choosing unique taps and fixtures can elevate a kitchen without having to opt for a bold splashback.

**Q: TRASH OR TREASURE**

Is it worth holding onto items that may eventually come back into fashion?

**A:** Like Marie Kondo says, "Does it give you joy?" If yes, then hold onto it and re-evaluate if you've made use of it in 12 to 18 months' time. Otherwise, if you find yourself holding onto something unnecessarily because it may have cost you a lot or it was given to you by your Mum, sell it and put the money towards something useful, or give it away to someone you know will love it. 📌

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A bedroom with a bed covered in a light pink duvet and a patterned rug. Two windows with white frames and gold-colored hardware are in the background. A potted plant sits on a wooden side table to the left. To the right, there is a white bedside table with books, a round mirror on a pink stand, and more books on the floor.

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