

# runway to room

So often interiors trends stem from what's going on in the fashion world. Case in point: these two bedrooms, inspired by the collections and street style of Autumn/Winter 2018...



**RISE AND SHINE** Suzy 3-drawer **chest of drawers** in Teak Natural finish with White metal base, \$2900, Reddie. Fraumaier Pascha **pendant**, \$295, Tigmi Trading. No.811 Hoffmann **chair** with hand-sewn cane seat and walnut back, \$540, Thonet. Armelle **bedhead** in Linen Willow Mustard, \$1930 for queen, Heatherly Designs. **ON DRAWERS** Janetta Kerr-Grant small ceramic **vase**, \$65, Koskela. Carved **vase** in Natural, \$39, Zakkia. **Jewellery box**, \$24.99, H&M Home. Wrong for Hay non-stackable **lens box**, \$128, Hay. **ON CHAIR** Story **clock**, \$199, BoConcept. Dot & Co ceramic **mug** in Ash, \$55, Koskela. **Books**, Opus Design. **ON BED** Flat **sheet set** (including pillowcases) in Natural, \$485, In The Sac. 100% Linen **duvet cover** in Tobacco, \$275 for queen, and 100% Linen **pillowcases** in Tobacco, \$85 for set of 2, In Bed. Finnley Rattan square **cushion**, \$69.95, Sheridan. Puna Llama **throw** in Tobacco, \$320, Pampa. **ON WALL** Windswept **wallpaper** in Shiro, \$72 per lineal m (71cm wide), Quercus & Co. *And Then There Were Three* **artwork**, \$750 (unframed), Lily Johannah Nicholson. Outline **paperclips**, \$23 for set of 10, Hay. **ON FLOOR** **Flooring**, for similar try Grangewood Native Blackbutt hardwood flooring, \$129 a sq m, Harvey Norman. Etnico #0465 **rug**, \$1490, Pampa. Mirror Lake Beni M'Rirt **rug**, \$4850, Tigmi Trading.



**1** Città "Shift" **table lamp** in Smoke, \$289, Clickon Furniture. **2** Night Bloom A3 **art print**, \$29, Olii Ella. **3** Monte Pom Pom #9 **cushion** in Natural White, and Pom Pom #27 **cushion** in Burnt, \$195 each, Pampa. **4** Industriell **pendant light**, \$49, Ikea. **5** Zulu hanging **chair** (includes cushion) in Natural, \$549, The Family Love Tree. **6** Katia Carletti Speckle **ring dish**, \$22, Natalie Marie Jewellery. **7** Potter timber **dining chair** in Walnut, \$279, Life Interiors. **8** Big Nest storage **cabinet** in Natural Birch, \$499, Plyroom. **9** Maggie cotton velvet **armchair** in Gold, \$899, Lounge Lovers. **10** Solid Oak and Metal Milo **bench**, \$329, Temple & Webster. **11** Zen **kettle** in White, \$169, Le Creuset. **12** Etnico woven sheep's wool **rug** (1.7m x 2.25m), \$1490, Pampa. **13** Faux pear **cactus in pot**, \$99, Freedom. **14** Zigzag "Belly" **basket**, \$29 for medium, Olii Ella. **15** Linen **sheet set** in Mustard (one fitted and one flat sheet, two pillowcases), \$420 for queen, Deiji Studios.



#### Colours and finishes

FROM LEFT Italian terrazzo **tiles** in 30H honed (40cm x 40cm), from \$138 a sq m (minimum order 25m<sup>2</sup>), Surface Gallery. British Paints Clean & Protect interior **paint** in Matt Black, \$153 for 10L, Bunnings. Premium grade radiata pine **plywood panel** (1.2m x 89.7cm), \$23.09, Bunnings.

Totem **stool** in White, \$388, Totem Road.

Parasol Rope **pendant**, \$180, Tigmi Trading.

Home Republic "Plantation" **bench seat**, from \$249.99, Adairs.

Wooden **tray**, \$15, Target.

Hemingway **bedhead**, from \$699, Naturally Cane.

Rice Stitch **blanket**, \$149, Zara Home.

*Banksia II* photographic **artwork** in oak frame, \$320 for A4, Hardtofind.

100% pure linen **pillowcase** in White, \$34.95, I Love Linen.

Vigdis **cushion cover** in White, \$12.99, Ikea.

Asobi **bud vase** in Small, \$14.95, Salt&Pepper.

Raffles Queen Natural Rattan **headboard**, \$499, Freedom.

Mini Pampa **rug**, from \$360, Pampa.

Salamanca Tassele **pillowcase** in Blush, \$32, Sage x Clare.

Stoneware **vase** (18.5cm x 16.5cm), \$130, Wingnut & Co.

Velvet Round **pouf**, in Mustard (60cm x 20cm), \$189, Onyx & Smoke.

IN BED x Tribu 100% Linen **duvet set** in Tobacco, from \$340, In Bed.

*Desert #1* **print** (60cm x 40cm), \$285, Pampa. In Large Timber Art Print **frame**, \$129, Hunting For George.

Desert Sun RV Bridal Rose Linen **quilt cover**, from \$299, Kip&Co.

Easy Leather Square **cushion**, \$119, MJG by Mr Jason Grant.

Oval wooden **box**, \$29.99, H&M Home.

SCORE

Large **jewel box** in Dusk, \$254, Elke.

Large Resin Mother Of Pearl **dish** in Turmeric, \$120, Dinosaur Designs.

Orange Ambre **candle**, \$111, Diptyque.

# autumn/winter



**Shelf appeal** "Our kitchen, the absolute hub of our home, is full of mismatched cups and plates, with drawers packed with pictures and notes from the kids," says homeowner Chloe. Simple plywood cabinetry built by husband Charlie adds warmth against the splashback using tiles from Byron Bay Tile Merchants.

# party of five

A 1970s bungalow in the Byron Hinterland is given some family-friendly updates, plenty of storage and a light, bright casual style

**Family gathering** Chloe and Charlie, pictured with their kids Tennyson, Arlo and Nell, poured a resin layer over the kitchen's "very damaged concrete slab" floor. "It allowed us to mix our own colour and created a lovely texture underfoot," she says. The concrete benchtop in Antique White is from Slabshapers, the rug and step stool are Olli Ella, while Kmart bar stools were given plywood seats to tie in with the cabinetry. →



### who lives here?

Chloe Brookman, co-founder and director of Olli Ella, her husband Charlie, their three children Tennyson, 8, Arlo, 6, and Nell, 2, and their two gooddles, Digby and Pippy.

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BREAKFASTS IN BED, WRESTLING MATCHES ON THE FLOOR, puppy play in the backyard and movie marathons on the couch – it’s hard to imagine a more idyllic existence, and for Chloe Brookman’s clan, this is a happy reality. Their 1970s-style bungalow, lovingly named “Hilda”, in the historic Byron town of Bangalow, is the quintessential family home, thanks to its open-plan layout, numerous chill-out zones and child-friendly finishes. “The kids can really let loose here,” Chloe says. “They’re often found leaping from the kitchen stools onto the sofa, sliding down the stairs on blankets and all sorts of other wild things that kids get up to.”

**RENOVATOR’S DELIGHT** Of course, it took five months of extensive renovations to get to where they are today. Chloe describes the original house as “very dark and a bit of a rabbit’s warren”, but also “full of possibilities!”. With these possibilities in mind, she and Charlie rejigged the layout and relocated a few walls to create an open-plan space to house the kitchen, living room, dining area and laundry. “We also replaced all the aluminium windows and doors with timber ones, converted the garage into a rumpus room, put in skylights, retiled the bathrooms, rewired the house and painted the entire interior and exterior,” she tells. Phew!

**CREATURE COMFORTS** And then came the fun part! Chloe is co-founder of family-focused lifestyle brand Olli Ella, so was well placed to kit out her home in her favoured hygge style. “Over the years I’ve gathered pieces from our travels, including wooden carvings, hand-drawn sketches, knitted throws and beautiful Danish sideboards,” she explains. To these, she added chunky rugs, knitted throws, cherished artworks, potted plants and LOTS of baskets. The result is a home that’s warm, welcoming and full of life. “Our style is unfussy, casual and we love sharing our home with others,” Chloe says. “It only adds to the space having loved ones around.” 🍷

**Swing sessions** The couple turned the old garage into a rumpus room – aka The Fun Room – complete with walls painted in Dulux Black Ace and a homemade swing. A “Li-La” single sofa bed from Olli Ella accommodates guests when needed, while cactus artworks by Kate Jarman (also available at Olli Ella) add colour to the walls.

**Window seats** Two vintage Arne Norell safari chairs in the living room are “made from buttery soft hide and covered in marks from a lifetime of adventure,” Chloe says.



**Quiet retreat** Budding carpenter Charlie built the sleeping pod/reading nook with inbuilt storage in the rumpus area, "partly to cover the wonky bricks in the walls, but also as a space for the kids to chill out," Chloe tells. Cushions by Pampa and an Olli Ella rug add extra cosiness; the *Stars Wars* prints were a present for Tennyson's ninth birthday. →



**Wash room** "It's a little bit magic in here," Chloe says of the open laundry area that Charlie made. She has spent many moments bathing Nell in the vintage sink (a Gumtree find) while watching the boys play outside. A Freedom pendant is suspended from the ceiling, while a collection of plants, baskets and flea-market knick-knacks sit on the shelves. **Understated elegance** In the master bedroom, an Olli Ella Borneo basket serves as a pendant, and hangs above an old Olli Ella side table and alongside an artwork of Chloe's.



**Let's eat in** The informal dining area (conveniently located just steps from the kitchen) features original slate floors and a table and benches purchased in London from furniture store Another Country.



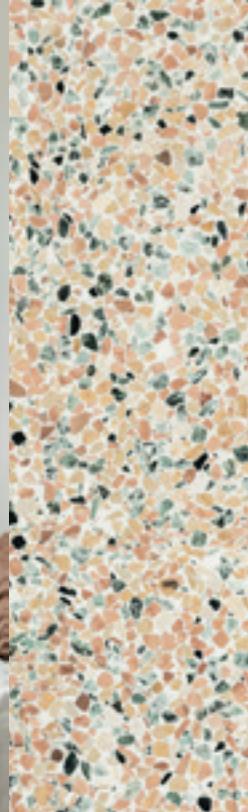
**Living it up** "This room is such a reflection of us in every way," says Chloe of the living space, which features comfy seating, a curved fireplace, thick rugs, a reading lamp and sheepskin found in flea markets and a collection of artworks including lithographs by Salvador Dali. →



**Pave the way** Popham Design tiles and a custom-made egg swing make for a fun outdoor space that runs between the boys' bedroom and the kitchen. "It's where we hang on hot days, as it usually stays cool in the shade of a big camellia tree," Chloe explains.



**Calm zone** Chloe purposely kept the decor in the master bedroom simple, with earthy linen from In The Sac, In Bed and Pampa, a Danish sideboard and walls painted in Dulux Limed White. "It's lovely to come here at the end of a busy day and just unwind."



## tile style

Warmer than marble and more exciting than ceramics, terrazzo tiles bring beauty and texture to floors and walls. Often made from recycled materials, they're eco-friendly and super-durable for high-traffic areas.

**Fuss-free design** All the home's plywood cabinets, including those in the vanity, feature the same handle cut-outs. "Our kids are notorious for breaking handles off things, so this tackled that dilemma," Chloe explains. →



**Terrazzo love** The mum-of-three chose "bold, bright and playful" terrazzo tiles from Byron Bay Tile Merchants for the bathroom floor and bath edges, and opted for a screen-less shower to maximise space. The towels are from Nikau.





**Courtyard charms** In place of the original dilapidated pergola, Chloe and Charlie created a courtyard using breeze blocks found on Gumtree, white gravel and a collection of cactus plants in vintage pots.

THE RULES

# how to add texture

Keen to bring extra dimension to your decor? Jessica Bellef from Temple & Webster explains what to use, and where



**Feels so good**

Build layers of texture with sheer curtains, painted finishes, natural fibres, sleek surfaces and a fluffy rug.