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Nick says buying his home – an old factory in West Melbourne – encouraged him to start Made by Morgen. “I did the fit-out and made the furniture. It’s open-plan with lots of plants and beautiful windows. You get incredible sunsets that just pour light into the place,” he says.

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MADE BY MORGEN'S NICK MCDONALD HAS MANAGED TO TURN
A TRIP OF SELF-DISCOVERY INTO A THRIVING CAREER

WHEN NICK MCDONALD, 35, found himself working for a German builder in a small village in the west of Denmark, he never imagined that one day his Scandinavian sabbatical would provide the inspiration for his own future designs.

But it did just that: his furniture company, Made by Morgen, gives a subtle nod to Danish design, allied with the intricacies of Japanese craftsmanship. Nick’s pieces are minimalist but possess a warmth that comes from his delicate treatment of materials such as American and Tasmanian oak, as well as messmate that he salvaged from a friend’s farm.

A builder by trade, Nick spent the good part of a decade honing his skills before embarking on a trip to Denmark to pursue his desire for design.

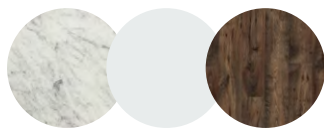
“I moved to Copenhagen for six months just to suss out the scene,” he recalls. It was a challenge the former farmer from south-west Victoria describes as “difficult”, but one that made him even more determined to give his own designs a crack.

“My design process generally involves something coming to mind and then I have to make it,” Nick says of his hands-on approach. “I love coming to the workshop on a Sunday and putting together an idea that I had in my head.” →

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1 Maya **throw** in Olive, \$89, CO:Home. **2** Paterson & Steele "Moon" **planter** in Elephant Grey, \$99, Life Interiors. **3** Foldable seagrass **basket**, \$12, Kmart. **4** Puna #13 **print** (60cm x 40cm), from \$285, Pampa. **5** Regolit pendant **lamp shade**, \$4.99, Ikea. **6** *Monstera deliciosa* **plant**, \$26.98, Bunnings. **7** Mid-century tall turned-leg **planter**, \$299, West Elm. **8** Sadie **cushion** in Powder Pink, \$24.95, CO:Home. **9** Oslo Home "Whywood" **coffee table** in Oak, \$599, Temple & Webster. **10** Small and large **pots** in Cinnamon, from \$105, Esko. **11** Leather **ottoman** in Olive (80cm x 25cm), \$650, Fenton & Fenton. **12** Iluka **sideboard** in American Oak (1.45m x 54cm), \$4818, Jardan. **13** Quartz **plant stand**, \$190, Ivy Muse. **14** AM/FM retro style **radio**, \$39, Target. **15** Leather **sling chair** in Teak and Black, \$840, Fenton & Fenton. **16** Monte #0211 **rug** (1.73m x 2.10m), \$1490, Pampa.



Colours & finishes

FROM LEFT Carrara marble honed **tile** (61cm x 30.5cm), \$160 a sq m, Surface Gallery. Dulux Wash&Wear in **Lexicon**, \$71.90 for 4L. Reclaimed Chestnut laminate planks **flooring** in Brown, \$42 a sq m, Quick-Step. For stockists, see page 161.

INVEST

PERFECT PITCH 6m Emperor Twin Ultimate Pro Bell tent, \$1699, Breathe Bell Tents. Baba Tree "Jemima 10 Cows" woven basket, \$180, Koskela. By Lassen "Saxe" folding chairs, \$2539, Fred International. Natural springbok hide, \$129, NSW Leather. Millicent burnished leather boots in Brown, from \$545, RM Williams. Segment side table, \$540, Città. Copper lantern, \$25, Indi Stoneware teapot, \$55, Indi Stoneware cup, \$25, and wooden cheese board, \$35, The Lifestyle Edit. Ghan rug, from \$1620, Armadillo & Co. Linen quilt cover in Wham White, \$270 for queen, and pillowcases in Wham White, \$84 for pair, and flat sheet in Nude Natural, \$160 for queen, Major Minor. Puna llama throw in White, \$320, Pampa. Natural blesbok hide, \$150, NSW Leather. Lil Arrows cushion, \$115, Pony Rider. Mila tassel cushion in Black, \$20, CO:Home. →



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Get ready to put the glam in glamping, and be inspired by *campaign-style furniture*, luxurious textiles and take-anywhere accessories that look as good outside as they do in your living room

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OUT OF AFRICA 6m Emperor Twin Ultimate Pro Bell tent, as before. Woodland Hole stool, \$360, Curious Grace. Toppig lanterns, \$12.99 (36cm), and \$19.99 (49cm), with Stöpen LED block candles, \$14.99 (set of 3), Ikea. Illuminado lantern, \$134, Città, with Fenomen unscented block candles, \$9.99 (set of five), Ikea. Serengeti rug in Natural & Ivory, from \$340, Armadillo & Co. Zulu rug, \$1440, Armadillo & Co. Puna #0289 rug, \$1240, and Monte Neutral #70 rug, \$1490, Pampa. Four-poster queen bed, \$1299, Incy Interiors. Linen quilt cover, pillowcases, and flat sheet, as before. Mena throw in Milk, \$59.95, CO:Home. Puna llama throw, as before. Natural blesbok hide, as before. Lil Arrows cushion, as before. World flag cushion in Natural, \$149, Pony Rider. Mila tassel cushion in Black, as before. Banks lantern (50cm), \$75 each, The Society Inc. MJG round and square utility floor cushions, \$185 each, Life Interiors. Akubra Cattleman hat in Sand, \$200, RM Williams. Fire Away fire pit, \$429, and The Classic Shelter sunshade, \$290, Breathe Bell Tents. Canvas & Sasson "Calvert" jute rug (2.5m x 3m), \$1130, The Lifestyle Edit. Bronze patina "Campaign" daybed, \$2800, The Society Inc. 100% linen Sahara throw, \$250, Curious Grace. Canvas Pampa Mariposa chairs in Natural, \$990 each, Curious Grace. Puna llama throw in Black, \$320, Pampa. Segment coffee table, \$890, Città. Woven tribal tray, \$55, The Lifestyle Edit. Keep Resin jug in mustard, \$199, and Keep Resin vases in mustard, \$199 for set of 3, Life Interiors. Ändlös candlestick, \$5.99, Ikea. →