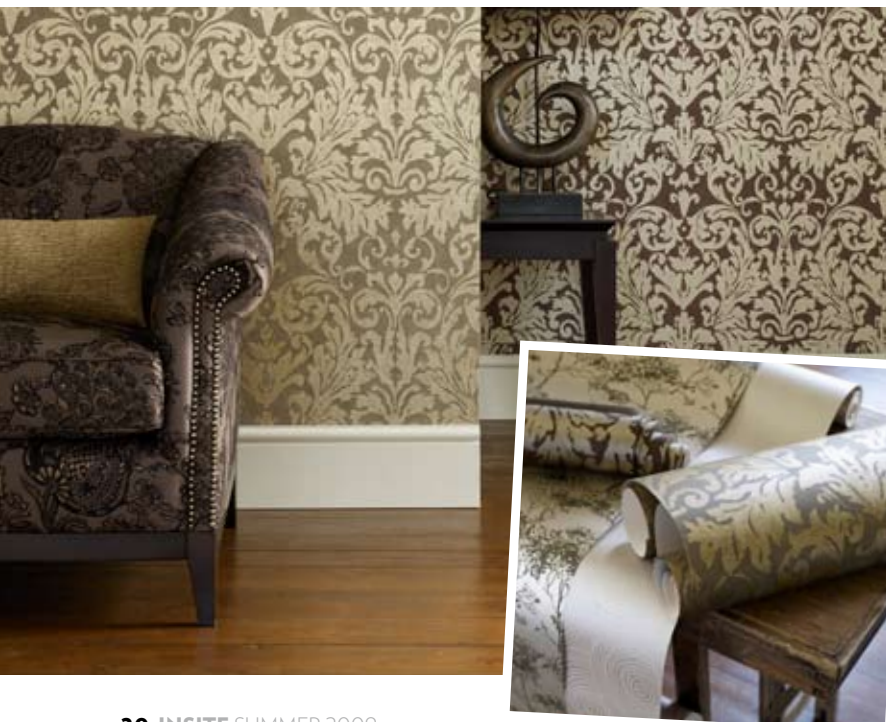


Summer

TRENDS



COLOURING IN : The interior of this Applecross abode by Essence Interiors (above) is a mix of raw materials and bold colour. Introduce stunning wallpaper with metallic detailing with the Tivoli range of wallpaper by the Wortly Group (below left).



Simone Gillespie, interior stylist from Essence Interiors, says it's time to cool down and embrace a chic industrial look and bold, clean style.

Popular building materials such as polished concrete, steel frames, and glass provide the perfect backdrop for an industrial effect. Remove stifling clutter and expose bare stone or timber board floors for a raw look, and pare back layers to expose cool metallic and glass surfaces. It's still a home however, so to maintain a welcoming and warm atmosphere, use bold colours, various textures and accessories that ensure comfort and cosiness.

FLOORING

Sleek polished concrete and elegant terrazzo flooring is perfect for this trend. Vinyl plank flooring is making a huge comeback with patterns ranging from a stone and concrete floorboard or tile style. Carpet Choice has vinyl flooring that is a far cry from the 1950s vinyl nightmare. The Expona range is from Italy and offers an unlimited range of colours and creates the illusion of a seamless continuum across the floor.

Alpaca carpets and rugs soften the hard edge of the industrial look. The ultimate in environmentally friendly elegance and luxury, the rugs are available in natural hues and complement clean, raw, flooring.



COOL DOWN: Fill walls with industrial art that feature interesting cityscapes (Salu Art's new designs featured above). Clean lines and a mix of metal and wood create a stunning kitchen in a Mosman Park home - interior styling and renovations by Essence Interiors (top right). Luxaflex window treatments complement a sleek industrial style home (far right).

WINDOW TREATMENTS AND FABRICS

Soft fabrics and sleek window treatments balance raw industrial materials. Luxaflex's metallic slim Venetians create a chic atmosphere and are available in a variety of new tones such as silver and champagne. Luxaflex (which is available from Home Trimmings Curtain Gallery) also has a selection of soft shades called Luminette and Duette. The shades are floaty and made of translucent linens and sheer metallic fabrics that are perfect for steel framed windows.

Bring luxurious fabrics and matching stunning wallpapers to the fore with Wortley Group's Wallpaper and Fabrics range called Tivoli and Glamour that features a mix of textures and felted fabrics.

FURNITURE

An industrial chic interior can provide a clean and unfussy backdrop for furniture that has a real punch. Trawl antique shops for retro style furnishings that have sleek metal detailing or are made from wood, metal, glass and have a brass effect. Timeless designs such as the Eames armchair or the George Nelson bubble light will look striking against a clean wall.

COLOUR DIRECTIONS

Materials such as concrete, glass and steel can be softened with a touch of colour. Shades in rich plums and vibrant greens work well and the latest innovations by Porters Paints (from Painted Earth in Fremantle) are perfect for bringing the industrial theme indoors. Finishes include Fresco, which is textured and Pantina, which is an aging product. All of the finishes enhance an industrial vibe and are ideal for feature areas such as a structurally interesting wall, entry, fireplace, or even a kitchen splashback. Textured finishes that create an aged and weathered appearance work well on doors, walls, beams and antique furnishings.

ACCESSORIES AND LIGHTING

Lights are integral for this style and any metal, chrome or glass accessories gets the tick or approval.

Metal mesh, wire, tin and brushed steel cone pendants hanging in a row, or huge oversized dome shapes look stunning in an open plan setting with high-ceilings. Beacon Lighting's new styles perfectly suit the theme.

Hang pictures of your favourite city throughout the house. Salu Art's new designs feature the Chrysler Building in New York from a variety of interesting angles. The prints are available in a variety of cool colours and are screen printed on luxury silk fabrics.

Add a colour boost by using abstract art that has bold colours and texture. Perth artist David Giles, of Heathcoate Galleries, has a new series called Metropolis which uses vivid colour to depict the world as seen by Google Earth.

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