

Editor's desk

Noisy neighbours, broken fixtures, cramped living spaces and difficult landlords. Renting can be fraught with tensions, even without the problem of how to make the space your own. Yet while there are understandable restrictions on what changes you can make to rental properties there are low-cost, problem-free ways to enliven bland walls, dismal lighting and dull colour schemes. In Focus, on page 7, Renata Gortan shows what can be done to add a dash of flair to any rental property.
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MAKE TIME FLY IN KITCHEN

Practical and eye-catching, this retro kitchen clock is \$79.97 at Masters Home Improvement, masters.com.au

CHIC TEAK: WOODEN IT BE LOVELY

Classic looks in sustainably-sourced teak combine with a contemporary design in the Berkeley extension table, RRP \$3685; Panama stacking chair in weather-proof rattan, RRP \$265, from Winton's Teak, 9662 8467, wintonsteak.com.au

WISH LIST

THIS WEEK'S MUST-HAVES



PREPARE TO BE TEMPTED

Do we need an added incentive to eat biscuits? Edward Monkton's ode to eating the crispy delights is written on his ceramic canister, 16.5cm by 12cm, RRP \$29.95, available from until.com.au/stockists



CHASING SOME RELAXATION

Stretch out in style with this sumptuous and eye-catching chaise in red, white or black. Amore chaise, from Dare Gallery, \$549, daregallery.com.au



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Lust haves

Dana Tomic Hughes is the founder of the popular blog and interior design practice Yellowtrace. Since its launch in 2010, her Yellowtrace blog has grown to more than 250,000 followers spanning 165 countries. As an award-winning interior designer,

Dana draws inspiration from many creative fields. She has a passion for great design and aims to write the way she would talk to a friend, with a healthy dose of humour. We asked Dana to name some of the things she would love to own.



Elegant Taking its origins from a Greek word meaning "a vase for water", the Hidria pitcher pays homage to an ancient tradition. Hidria Pitcher by Stefani Vasques for Diamantini & Domeniconi, from \$285, from Space Furniture, spacefurniture.com

Simply great The Bronze Table is a study in simple detailing. It can be made with a honed marble or limestone top. The Bronze Table by Daniel Barbera, \$5825, barberadesign.com



Warm welcome Decadent and luxurious, this hand-knotted rug by Fiona Curran depicts an explosion of colour and can transform any room. This piece is sure to become an heirloom. Zap rug by Fiona Curran for The Rug Company, 2.74m x 1.83m, \$5780, therugcompany.com