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From lights that adjust their brightness depending on the time of day to bathrooms that have been reimagined as social hubs, the times they are a'changing. Drawing on insights from those working at the coalface, we explore the trends that are set to transform the way you design, decorate and inhabit your home in the near future.

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pleasures of the table

When a chill creeps into the air 'tis the season for breaking bread somewhere cosy with friends and family. Here are nine talking points sure to liven up your next afternoon tea or dinner party.

that's just **Dandi**

Dandi's Doilie range comes in two eye-catching colours, Wisteria and (our favourite, pictured here) Berry. The versatility of the design makes it easy to pair with a range of décors and the scarlet and white print will add an elegantly festive feel to even the most casual coffee catch-up. A set of four napkins costs \$29.95 and the tablecloths range from \$59.95-\$109.95. Get in contact with Dandi for more information.

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it's a Wild world

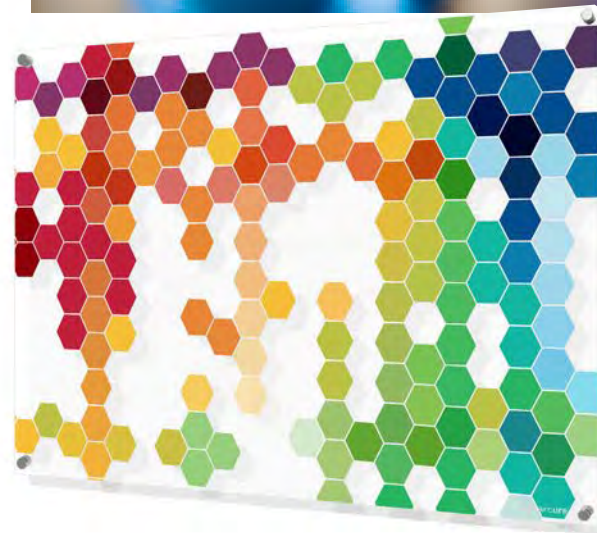
Should talk turn to travel it's always handy to have a globe handy to jog memories about past journeys. This chic teak number is the handiwork of Bruno Helgen, who spends up to a week carving a globe before coating it with 90 layers of acrylic resin or Balinese volcanic beach sand. They're available from [Oscar & Wild](#) and, depending on size, colour and complexity, range from \$990-\$1290.

bellissima Lattissima

Who doesn't love living out their secret fantasy of being a barista when it's time to serve up the coffees? The Lattissima Pro, from Nespresso, features a LCD touchscreen and display, providing that added technological edge in creating the perfect brew. The RRP is \$889 and you can find a stockist near you by ringing 1800 623 033.


retro geometry

Looking to achieve a *Mad Men* vibe? The Chelsea Perspex Art Print, a geometric artwork featuring a hexagonally pixelated spectrum of colour, will make you want to party like it's 1959. It's \$899 for the 60 x 90cm version, which is available from [Signature](#).



Once the sun goes down, nothing quite sets the mood like evocative lighting. Perfect for adding some pizzazz to either your dining room or outdoor entertaining area, KOH lamps, made by KOH Concepts and distributed by [Optoco](#), can bathe a space in a choice of eight vivid colours. RRP is \$199.95.



the good china Ashdene's Madam Butterfly range of teacups bestow a dash of glamour on even the dullest of herbal teas. Available in Tropical, Retro Floral, Flamingo Rose and Oriental, this range breathes fresh life into old-school designs. A teacup, saucer and plate set costs \$34.95. To order get in touch with [Ashdene](#).

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back to basics

The thought of sitting under a naked globe becomes a lot more attractive when it's a Plumen – CFL Designer Light Bulb. The world's first designer energy-saving light bulb, it's won a heap of awards and now provides warm and inviting light in homes, offices and eateries around the world. It costs \$31 and is available in Australia from Fat Shack Vintage.



mat finish Nothing adds the final decorative touch to a table like a tasteful placemat. And when it comes to refine good taste, it's hard to go past Laura Ashley and its Honeysuckle Trail Placemats. They're \$29.95 for a set of four and a matching coaster set is available.

one for the road

Why resort to a pedestrian plastic Esky when you can keep your beverages chilled in a Kool Kombi? Available in a range of colours, these colourful ice buckets are constructed out of recycled drums. RRP is \$726 and they can be ordered from Vavoom Emporium.



despatches

Four ways to: increase
the value of your home

Would you like to sell your property for lots more money than you put into it? Upping its energy efficiency, embarking on some simple DIY projects, undertaking cost-effective renovations and making the most of every nook and cranny can all add a surprising amount of value to your home.

Green is **the new black**

No sensible home buyer wants to move into an electricity guzzler at a time when domestic energy bills have increased 60 per cent in the space of half a decade. You can discover six simple steps to slash your home's energy consumption by going to *Energy Efficiency in Six Simple Steps*

Keeping costs under strict control when **using trained professionals**

How can you make sure you'll get a quality, reasonably priced job done when you decide to add another storey on or remodel your kitchen? You guessed it! Go to *Avoid a Budget Blowout on Your Home* for our advice on avoiding cost overruns and unnecessary financial stress.

It's not how big it is, **it's how you use it**

Go to *How to Make Your Small Spaces Feel Bigger* for our expert advice on how to make small spaces feel like much larger ones through decluttering, clever colour schemes and creative approaches to storage.

It's the **simple things**,

such as a fresh coat of paint, which can transform a room from 'meh' to 'hey!'. Our guide to simple DIY home improvements, which you can access at *Avoid a Renovation DIY Disaster and Add Value to Your Home*, covers everything from installing kitchen cabinets to grouting bathroom tiles to constructing decking.

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