



REAL LIVING - November, 2011



...and Essential Glass in **Deep Watermelon**, \$36.00 for 1L. **Wall painted** in *Mayme Interiors' Expressions*, bw/wh/br acrylic. In **Taupe Grey** \$17.00 for 4L. Paint **Planes**. **THE REST** Laptop dining table in White \$309, also. **ON TABLE** FROM LEFT Dainty Star "Alphabet" tea towel \$29, Tiny Bird Apposed pattern leather **wallet** in Hot Pink \$250, Papier d'Archives Uchi Extra-small **vase** \$29.95, Country Road **Sweet peas** \$18 a bunch, Dragonfly Floral Design. **Glasses** with Moroccan handmade raffia holders, \$18.50 each. Plus: And General Antipodes glass **water bottle** (used as vase) from Thomas Cox. **Peppies**, \$29 a bunch, Dragonfly Floral Design. **Eschert 0.6L teapot** in Pink, \$145. **cup & saucer set** in Powder Pink, \$54, and 0.25L **milk jug** in Brick, \$72. Robert Gurton. **ON WALL** Matt Wingfield handprinted **Chin Chin print** (10cm x 30cm), \$66. Tiny Bird. **Fomby magnet** & **clip**, \$17.95 for 3. Gita.com.au. **ON FLOOR** Vivienne Washwood for Melissa **flip flops** in Red, \$140. Todd By Design. **Flowers** Marjolein **rug** in Natural (1.5m x 2m), \$460. Armadillo&Co. 4

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HANDY woman

Create a simple yet effective white-on-white wall display with a random collection of painted picture frames



WALL FEATURE We used a mix of old and new picture frames bought from op shops, markets, Spotlight and Hart&Heim. **Frames painted** in Porter's Paints Eggshell Acrylic in **White**, \$41.90 for 1L. **IN FRAME** Acorn 4's Deer Head **wallhanging** in **White**, \$27.50, Venucci.

THE REST High Tea **occasional chair**, \$699, Freedom. Kesy **tray table** in **White**, \$65, Matt Blatt. **ON CHAIR** Aesaware Jr. "Pico Bunny" **cushion**, \$45, Kido Store. Chevron **cushion** in **Fuchsia**, \$70, Ada & Darcy. **ON TABLE** Floral **planter** in **Fuchsia** (holding Maiden hair **fern**), \$64, Ada & Darcy. Tank Up **mug**, \$16.95, Hart&Heim. Loreal **lamp**, \$185, Matt Blatt. **ON FLOOR** Moroccan **pouffe** in **Watermelon**, \$184, Ada & Darcy. Stratum Pencil Stripe **rug** in **Black/White** (1.5m x 2m), \$520, Armadillo&Co. **WALL PAINT** Porter's Paints Eggshell Acrylic in **White**, \$91.60 for 4L. For stockists, see page 185.

PROJECT

White frame feature

Keep this all-white display interesting by choosing different styles, shapes and sizes of frames. We used a combination of old and new, ornate and plain, small and large for visual appeal. This simple frame feature is a lovely idea for an empty wall in the hallway, living or dining area.

Step 1 Choose your frames and remove any glass, inserts, frame card or backing. Clean well with a damp cloth and leave to dry.

Step 2 In a well-ventilated area apply a thin coat of white paint spray-paint to your frames. When touch dry, apply another thin coat and let dry thoroughly. Note: two to three thin coats is better than one thick layer.

Step 3 Mark out how large you want your feature to be and keep your frames within these measurements. It's a good idea to plan your arrangement on the floor before hanging frames on the wall. Even a frame display that looks random needs to be thought out to make sure it works.

Step 4 Hang frames using removable picture hanging strips – a great option if you are renting or if you want to change or add to your display later on.

Step 5 You could leave the frames empty or hang a quirky feature in one or two, like we did with the white deer head, for added interest. ☺

You will need

- Picture frames
- Clean, damp cloth
- White paint or spray-paint
- Picture hanging strips – we used 3M Command medium picture hanging strips in **White**, \$8.98 a pack, Bunnings.

HANDY woman

Use plaster ceiling roses as decorative artwork for the wall. Here's how...



PLASTER CEILING ROSES UR30 40cm (top), \$66.22, UR42 35cm (bottom), \$51.69, and UF1 25cm, \$47.00, Unique Plaster.

Also in the scene

Jazz 3-seat **sofa** in Ocean, \$1999, Oz Design Furniture. Roma **side table**, \$199, Dare Gallery. **ON SOFA** Universal Union Jack **cushion**, and French Bulldog **cushion**, \$39.95 each, Hart&Helm. **ON/IN SIDE TABLE** Drama **table lamp** in Silver, \$129.95, Beacon Lighting, London. Telephone **money box**, \$25, from eBay. Boris Bally roadsign **tray**, \$140, Planet. **ON FLOOR** Flower Weave Dandelion **rug** (2.15m diameter), \$590, Armadillo&Co. **WALL PAINT** Watty! Interior Design in Red Barron, from \$85.99 for 4L. For stockists, see page 785.

PROJECT Ceiling rose artwork

Arranging plaster ceiling roses on the wall creates an eye-catching and unique feature display. More affordable than artwork, too!

- Step 1** Wipe down both sides of your ceiling roses with a slightly damp cloth to remove any dust.
- Step 2** Paint the decorative sides of ceiling roses with your chosen paint colour. You could mix up the colour selection, or keep it simple like we did – white roses contrast nicely with the bold walls in our living room.
- Step 3** Cut self-adhesive Velcro into strips, about 5cm long. Once paint is dry, glue strips of Velcro to the back of your plaster roses around the edge (see image, below). The larger – and heavier – your roses, the more Velcro you'll need.
- Step 4** Freshly painted walls and paints with anti-stick properties or added silicone may not have strong adhesion. To maximise adhesion, wipe down your wall with methylated spirits and allow to dry thoroughly.
- Step 5** Trace outline of roses onto newspaper and cut out to make templates. Work out your preferred arrangement by positioning templates on the wall with Blu-Tack.
- Step 6** Remove templates and attach plaster roses to the wall in your chosen positions. Hold in place firmly for about 30 seconds to ensure Velcro adheres to the wall. **GO**

you will need

- Plaster ceiling roses. We bought ours from Unique Plaster (see details, left)
- Clean, damp cloth
- Moroday Vaxi Grip Hook & Loop self-adhesive Velcro, \$10.99 for 5m, Bunnings
- Selleys Quickfix Strips Glue, about \$3.55 for twin pack
- Paint & paintbrush
- Methylated spirits
- Newspaper
- Pencil & scissors
- Blu-Tack





REVAMP YOUR OLD FURNITURE

WITH HIGH-VOLTAGE COLOUR

Restore, recycle and reinvent your preloved furniture with the **coolest & glossiest** of paint colours. We show you how

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED that there's been an explosion of colour this year. It's all over the catwalks, in fashion stores, and now it's heading to your place. That's right, move over grey, colour is back! Not only that, it's gone mega wattage. The palette is all bright and the finish is high gloss. And for those who like to have a lot of fun in their interiors, hues can be "colour blocked" – as the fashionistas like to say – in contrasting shades.

So where better to inject some fun and impact into your home than by reviving some preloved pieces of furniture. Most of us have an object that's looking a bit tired or dated, and with little expense, or time, you can instantly bring it back to life. These are some of our favourite ideas and colour combos... →

RESTORE... A TURNED-LEG TABLE

Any piece of timber furniture with turned legs suggests a country style. However, if you want to give it an altogether different look simply choose a contemporary colour.

Cool colour Petrol blue continues to remain popular in interiors. It's slightly dirtier than royal blue, but not quite navy or indigo.

Mix it with... more blue. Because petrol blue is such a deep shade of blue, it is easy to mix it with lighter shades of blue. A touch of grey works well, too.

Contrast with... metal. With its industrial-sounding name, petrol blue does actually go well with industrial pieces of furniture, whether they are a stainless-steel finish or painted a contrasting colour.

Moody blues

PAINT IT! Vintage table, \$90 (bought on sale), Doug Up On Bourke. **Table painted** in Dulux Super Enamel High Gloss in **Island Fantasy**, \$46.95 for 1L, Paint Place. **Wall painted** in Wattyl Interior Design Ltd's **Inner Peace**, from \$59.90 for 4L.

THE REST vintage **folding chairs**, \$110 each, The Bronte Tram. Replice Xavier Pauchard "Toix" galvanneer **stool** (45x31), \$146, Matt Blatt. Liehl **pendant light** in Milk, \$385, Mud Australia.

ON TABLE FROM LEFT Tinker By Printink Studio "Patio" **tea towel**, \$22, Terraco. Muuto "Same Same" **glasses** in Blue, \$115 for set of 2. Great Dane Furniture, Pebble medium **bowls**, \$67 each. Flaxid **small plates**, and **dinner plates**, \$43 each, Mud Australia. Glass Lab **vase**, \$35, Doug Up On Bourke.

Tulips, \$20 a bunch, Dragonfly Floral Design. Anne Black "Ruth V" medium porcelain **pitcher** in Blue/White, \$79.95, and **sugar bowl**, \$34.95, The Bay Tree. Stack **tumblers** in Blue, \$55 for set of 4 (2 shown), Terraco.

ON CHAIR Carvas **cushion**, \$55, The Bronte Tram. **ON FLOOR** Designer Collection "Lami" **rug** (1.7m x 2.4m), from \$185, Armadillo&Co.





orange + blue =
perfect pairing

Orange by
PAINT IT! Nest Paisley lampshade \$173, No Chintz Lampbase \$100 (no shop). **Lampbase painted** Tullipmans Ultra Enamel Gloss in **Ti**
Eye, \$42.64 for 1L. **Wall painted** New Lock Xtrowear ICW-sheen acrylic **Sultan**, \$58.95 for 4L; Paint Pro
THE BEST Anticue armchair, \$110; E.L.A. Painted old timber crate (used as side table), \$40; Salvage **ON CHAIR** Reim (1 no) cushion in (30cm x 50cm), \$135; Dragon & Bl **ON CRATE** Uchi Extra-small vase \$39.99, Country Road. **Sweet pe** \$18 a bunch; **tulips**, \$20 a bunch; **snapdragons**, \$14 a bunch; Deco **Flora** Design, Swifton small Dot b with lid in Sky Blue, \$90; Tok **Design**, Paper Airy vase **vessel** in W \$22.99 for pack of 3, Upor A.F **ON WALL** The Fabulous Gerb **bunting**, \$49; Tiny Bird **ON FLO**
FROM LEFT Dandy Star handprint **print** (40cm x 50cm), \$249 from and Kratina Kern "Color Stripes" a wooden **necklace**, \$89; Tiny B Antipodeanwater **bottle** from The Dux; Vivienne Westwood for M&S Skyconipor **heels** in Blue, \$170; T By Design; Ribbon strip **rug** (1 x 2.1m), from \$160; Annad 15k



Perfect pink

PAINT IT! Old bentwood chairs, \$25 each from market. **Chairs painted in:** Taubman's Ultra Enamel Glass in **Deep Watermelon**, \$26.95 for 1L. **Wall painted in:** Haymes Interior Expressions low-sheen acrylic in **Taupe Grey**, \$67.05 for 4L. **Paint Place.**

THE REST **Listop dining table** in White, \$399, Ikea. **ON TABLE FROM LEFT** Dandy Star "Alphabet" **tea towel**, \$29, Tiny Bird. Zippered patent leather **wallet** in Hot Pink, \$250, Papier d'Amour. Uchi Extra small **vase**, \$39.05, Country Road. **Sweet peas**, \$18 a bunch, Dragonfly Floral Design. **Glasses** with Moroccan handmade raffia holders, \$16.50 each, Pure And General. Antipodes glass water **bottle** (used as vase) from Thomas Dux. **Poppies**, \$20 a bunch, Dragonfly Floral Design. Dohern Oak **teapot** in Pink, \$142. **cup & saucer set** in Powder Pink, \$54, and 0.25L **milk jug** in Brick, \$72, Robert Burton. **ON WALL** Matt Wingfield handprinted *Chin Chin* print (20cm x 30cm), \$69, Tiny Bird. Fornbu magnetic **clip**, \$17.95 for 3, Gifts.com.au. **ON FLOOR** Vivienne Westwood for Melissa **flip flops** in Red, \$140, Top3 By Design. Flowers **Marigold rug** in Natural (1.65m diameter), \$460, Armadillo & Co. →

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