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INFORMALITY**

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Bottom line Sahara, 1.7m x 2.4m, \$1205; Papyrus, 1.7m x 2.4m, \$780.
Inquiries, 9698 4043, armadillo-co.com, hello@armadillo-co.com.

melissa penfold **the source style**



**ITALIAN STYLE
MADE EASY**

Brunello Cucinelli is the brand you need to know about. Having just popped back from a quick jaunt abroad, I can report that the chic Italian label is what well-clad folk are sporting from Rome to New York. It ain't cheap but it's the kind of thing that makes you feel like a goddess of smart-casual wherever you go. And there's 30 per cent off the drop-dead gorgeous men's and women's spring-summer 2010 looks in top-drawer leather, linen, cashmere and silk. Plus 50 per cent off limited winter 2009 pieces. Until sold.

Bottom line Women's shirts, \$573 (were \$819); pants, \$665 (\$950); and blazers, \$1151 (\$1645); men's pants, \$448 (\$640); pullovers, \$367 (\$525); polos, \$360 (\$515); leather jackets, \$3388 (\$4840); and blazers, \$2030 (\$2900). Prices vary and items quoted are at entry-level price points. 64 Queen Street, Woollahra, 9363 8833; MLC Centre, Shop 7, 19-29 Martin Place, 9223 3933.



HOW TO DO STONE

Want to give your garden instant soul? Stonework guru Spirit Level also supplies some of the best reclaimed sandstone around (salvaged from old Sydney gutters, footpaths, stables and warehouses), which you can use for everything from a seat to paving. The classic look, as practical and modern in the 21st century as it was through the millenniums, is also fantastic mixed with new stone. Top architects such as Alec Tzannes and Sam Marshall (winner of the MCA extension) are clients.

Bottom line Bench seats, pictured top, about 100cm x 40cm x 40cm, \$400-\$600; flagstones, pictured bottom, \$300-\$400. Inquiries, 8399 0660, spiritlevel.com.au.

STOP PRESS

Want to do confident colour, pretty pattern or relaxed retro? Hottfoot it to Cadrys Handwoven Rug Specialists, which has launched its second collection of knockout Florence Broadhurst pieces following the huge success of its debut range. Choose from 10 hotties including Multi Tone Poppies, The Cranes, Yvans Geometric and Swedish Stripe in different colours and combos of wool or wool-silk blends. The US loves it, too, with design hot spot Steven King doing brisk business with Florence. American design guru Jonathan Adler is also a huge fan.

Bottom line Yvans Geometric, pictured back, 185cm x 275cm, from \$3690; Romanesque, pictured front, 185cm x 275cm, from \$4750. 498 Glenmore Road, Edgecliff, 9328 6144, cadrys.com.au.



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Security Rivers Locking Systems does a new line in security rooms that look like walk-in wardrobes or wine cellars but which have steel doors with a four-point locking system and concrete-filled brick walls. In business since 1926, the company also custom-makes security grilles, windows and doors to accommodate almost any type of lock your architect specifies. 50 Orchardleigh Street, Yennora, 9632 9777, riverslocking.com.au.