

# style home mini trend

## First blush

Pink proves sophisticated as a shot of colour teamed with aqua, writes **Susan Redman**.

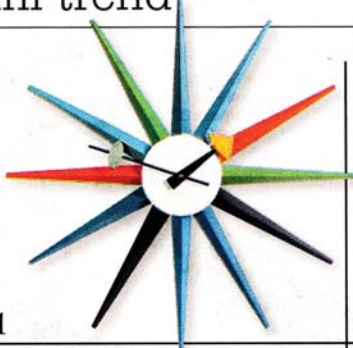
Everything takes on a rosy glow when there is pink at home. It's a colour that is usually associated with little girls' bedrooms but when a darker shade is chosen, pink grows up and creates a striking effect, especially when teamed with aqua blue.

Missoni Home furnishings are often upholstered in multicoloured fabrics that prove just how compelling rich, deep shades can be. In this example, a teal and cerise striped ottoman from Spence & Lyda shows the combination at its best. Domayne designers must have had their fingers on the trend pulse, too, when they created this prettily patterned cushion cover, featuring birds, butterflies and a pink flower on a powder-blue background.

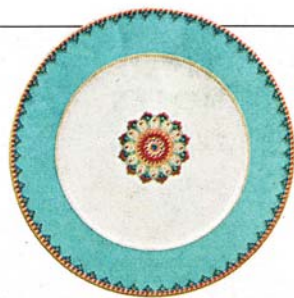
Table settings are a fun place to really mix and match a whole range of favourite items. Let aqua dominate the tableware and add touches of pink. Villeroy & Boch's classic buffet plate or Laura Ashley's dotty teaset range, even SunnyLIFE's bamboo lacquerware, are lifted by the presence of blush-coloured accessories such as Amalfi's glass tea lights.

Retro cool is here to stay and although such items can be a little expensive, their design and quality are unsurpassed. This multicoloured Sunburst clock is a classic timepiece. It was designed by George Nelson in the 1950s and is now manufactured by Vitra in Europe. The Eiffel chair, designed by Charles and Ray Eames in 1948, was the first industrially manufactured plastic chair. It comes in a range of colours but Aqua Sky is dreamy – with or without rose-coloured glasses.

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1. Vitra Sunburst clock, **\$625**, Space Furniture, 8339 7588, spacefurniture.com. 2. Classic buffet plate, **\$175**, Villeroy & Boch, 1800 252 770, www.villeroy-boch.com. 3. Eames moulded plastic chair with Eiffel base, **about \$645**, Living Edge, 1300 132 154, livingedge.com.au. 4. Missoni Home Jacaranda pouf, **\$647**, Spence & Lyda, 9212 6747, spenceandlyda.com.au. 5. Tropical bird cushion, **\$36.95**, Domayne, 1800 366 296, domayne.com.au. 6. Dotty cup and saucer, **\$19.95**, Laura Ashley, 1800 033 453, laura-ashley.com.au. 7. Lacquer bamboo salad bowl, **\$69.95**, SunnyLIFE, (03) 9421 6325, sunnylife.com.au. 8. Jewel glass candle pot, **\$19.95**, Amalfi, (03) 9474 1300, albi.com.au.