

Cool & calm address book

Add some laid-back style to your interior with Vera Klein's guide to easy elegance.

shops and ranges

- **Hermon & Hermon**, Richmond, VIC. The 'Coast' collection of teak furniture is the epitome of laid-back chic; www.hermonhermon.com.au
- **Dyson's Air Multipliers** (below, left) are bladeless, grille-less fans that move air without the annoying chopped-air sensation of regular fans. Summer simplicity. From \$379; visit www.dyson.com.au for stockists.
- **King Furniture** recently picked up an excellence in manufacturing award, which won't come as a surprise to anyone who owns one of its modular sofas. The steel frames and high-quality fabrics mean these pieces are family friendly; www.kingfurniture.com.au.
- **Orson & Blake**, Surry Hills and Woollahra, NSW. Simple, elegant yet unique furniture and homewares. Take a look at the round 'Lucy' dining tables in raw teak; www.orsonandblake.com.au.



COLOURS

Creamy white walls are easy on the eye and, Taubmans promises, easy to clean with its new Endure range, which has been formulated to resist dirt and is guaranteed for 15 years. Take a look at (clockwise from top) Cottage Cream, Ivory Stone and Scroll White.

websites

www.puddinhead.com.au Illustrator and printmaker Richard McAdam has turned some of his designs into pure linen hand-finished tea towels (right) \$25 each.

www.alfrescoemporium.com.au Does a good line of coastal- and Hamptons-style furniture and homewares at reasonable prices. Love the rattan step-ladder, \$159.

www.palumba.etsy.com Take a look at the nest of four individually crafted cherrywood bowls finished in beeswax. Future heirlooms for just \$US159.

www.sunnylife.com.au Old-school navy and white deckchairs (left) made on an acacia-wood frame, \$139.95. Tasteful outdoor cushions, too.



BOOKS

Etcetera by Sibella Court (Murdoch Books, \$59.95). Sibella Court is a local interior stylist with an artist's sensibility. There's no decorating-by-numbers here; instead, Court provides images and colour palettes to fire your imagination. A book to treasure.

New Farmhouse Style by Terry John Woods (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$75). This is the pictorial story of Woods' Vermont farmhouse on 80 acres of countryside. Woods has clearly decorated his home with love, thought and style.

Easy Elegance by Atlanta Bartlett (Ryland, Peters & Small, \$49.95). This book shows how to create elegant interiors that look time-worn and loved.

