



Clearly cool How novel – glass that looks like plastic. Estelico Quotidiano **bottle**, \$60, Seletti.



Meow! For cat lovers, a fun and practical way to feed Puss. Alessi "Tigrino" **cat bowl**, \$129, Form + Design.



Classic cutlery Simple and stylish; made from stainless steel. Alaska 5-piece **serving set** in Satin, \$99.95, Tablekraft.



Travel bug Test your world knowledge. First Around the World **board game**, \$59.95, Reader's Digest.



Blast it For avid chefs and fans of "burnt cream". **Crême brûlée torch** set with 6 ramekins and butane gas canister, \$89.95, Cuisinart.



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Toile fancy Sweet ceramic necklace. Oval **pendant** (chain not included), \$19.95, Robert Gordon Australia.



Belt up This bag comes with two interchangeable straps. Bobeff **Zipper shoulder bag**, \$135, Matt.



Lie back and relax The perfect spot for an afternoon by the pool. Patio By Jamie Durie **sunlounger** with rear wheels, \$198 including cushion, Big W.



Brain teaser Waterproof and unisex – a quirky way to tell the time. Nooka ZUB 20 **watch** with Zen V face, \$195, Dedeceplus.com



Quirky blooms A great vase for single-stem flowers. PS Stock **vase**, \$49.99, Ikea.



Time dome Has a very prominent round glass face. "Bubble" **clock**, \$169, Outliving.



Spin right round Music lovers unite: coasters made from real LP labels. Vintage record **coasters**, \$29.95 for 4, Outliving.



Handles well With bucket-inspired grip. PS Brunn **vase**, \$29.99, Ikea.



Multip-tasking Designer candleholder or bud vase. Gaia & Gino "Arim" **vases**, \$150 each, Dedeceplus.com



Out of... Denmark But inspired by Africa. Holmegaard "Karen Blixen" **vase**, \$150, Jarass.



Traffic jam Designed to fit an Ikea "Ribba" frame. Arthur's Circus **print** in Toy Cars 3 (20cm x 25cm), \$75, Lark.



Reflect with a cuppa Mirror-like teacups reflect the designs of the saucer below. D-Bros **cup & saucer sets**, \$80 each, Dedeceplus.com



Howzat! Great for fun on the sand. Comes with a carrybag. **Beach cricket**, \$49.95, SunnyLIFE.



DIY This flat-packed gift cleverly turns an empty jar into a vase or tealight cover. Artecna "Thinking Of You" **vase**, \$55, Dedeceplus.com



Paper cuts Whimsical art made from cut paper. Music Tree **artwork** \$149 in bamboo frame (39.5cm x 48.5cm), Hardwick & Cesko. For stockists, see page 159. ❶



Can't ig-gnaw For those who enjoy a bit of interior humour. Paige Russell "Bad Beaver" vases, \$90 each, One Small Room.



Charmed Can also be worn as a bracelet. Maria de Camurça charm necklace, \$59, Cristiana.



Dress it up Cute and casual. Odd One Out dress, \$55, Two Ruffians.



Docking sequence Compact and stylish, for music on the go. Takes four AAA batteries. Pico swivel MP3 speakers (iPod not included), \$27.88, Officeworks.



Flip out Yes, when a bin is stylish you can give it as a gift. Flip bin, \$29.95, Outliving.



Movies & music A film following Jack through his European tour. Jack Johnson En Concert DVD (Brushfire Records), \$29.95, Getmusic.com.au



Bathroom bliss Spoil someone with luxe Sicilian toiletries. Ortigia "Corallo" shower gel, from \$34, Spence & Lyda.



Off to work Get the children outdoors... and doing some work to boot! Kids wheelbarrow in Fire Engine Red, \$39.99, Mitre 10.



Let them eat cake Gorgeous French-inspired, boxed soaps. Les Cakes de Bertrand soaps, \$25 each, Kleins Perfumery.



Glassy cufflinks Won't tarnish or show smudges. Titanium rectangular "Flatlinks", \$99.50, Dedeceplus.



Scandi classic Red for a festive touch. Nordic seven-arm adjustable candlestick, \$199, Design House Stockholm.



Bendy arm The diode light saves energy. Great as a bedside or task light. Jansjö table lamp, \$59, Ikea.



Keep your cool A useful summer accessory that looks great. Bermuda beach umbrella, \$79.95, SunnyLIFE.



Best for bubba With gentle, natural ingredients. Baby skincare pack with bath wash, two room sprays and massage oil, \$79.95, Milk Baby.



Sugar 'n' spice These bikkies are delicious and beautifully packaged to boot. Assorted sweet and cheese biscuits, \$19.95 each (300g), Country Road.



See the light Help furnish a sparse apartment with a stylish lamp. Capri table lamp, \$79, Freedom.



Arriba! Get into the festive spirit, in Mexican style. Fiesta de Mozi tea towel. \$22.95 for set of 2 different designs, Mozi.



Branch out Help get things organised. DesignByThem "Treeling" jewellery hanger, \$89, Top3 By Design.

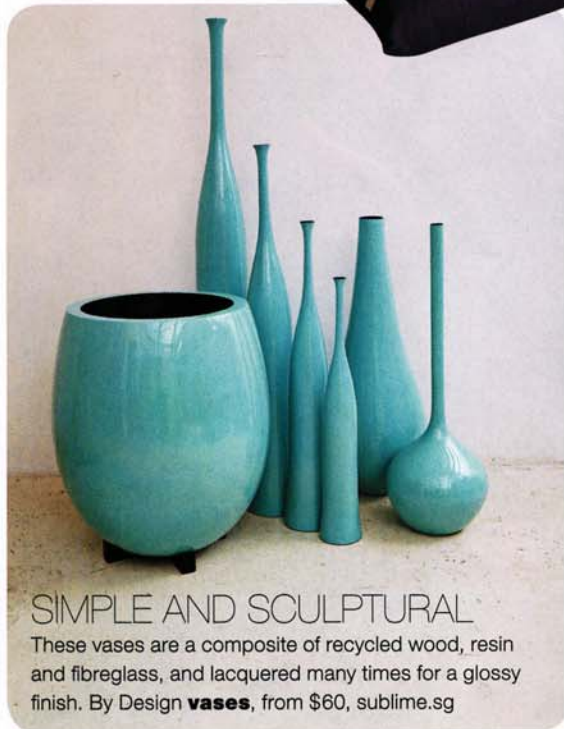


2-in-1 Yum! A bauble with chocolates inside. Reindeer bauble tin, \$19.99, Lindt. →

we're loving

cushty stack

Look, casual cushions from SunnyLIFE! From top: **Ray Seat**, \$34.95; **Miami Throw**, \$44.95; and **Classic Floor**, \$79.95. sunnylife.com.au



SIMPLE AND SCULPTURAL

These vases are a composite of recycled wood, resin and fibreglass, and lacquered many times for a glossy finish. By Design **vases**, from \$60, sublime.sg



A DRY CYCLE

This cotton tea towel could only be French! It's extra large, screenprinted, and available at **real living's** online shop. Nomades "Bike" **tea towel**, \$34, realshopping.com.au

TIME TO SHINE

Released at this year's Milan Furniture Fair, this 1970s-style table lamp comes in various matte and metallic tones.

Cindy lamp in Bronze, \$370, Kartell.



BARK-ENDS

Pugs never looked so darned cute – and now there's no reason not to get your books or CDs in order.

Outliving pug bookends in Black/White, \$49.95 for set, realshopping.com.au



riotous red

These **colourful chairs** caught our eye while looking through the latest range from innovative Italian homewares company Seletti, which now has a store in Leichhardt, NSW. Kadrega metal **folding chair**, \$120 each, Seletti.



The chrome finish hooks us in every time! **Dome table light**, \$99, Freedom. For stockists, see page 159.

ADD A LITTLE NEW YORK GLAMOUR TO YOUR INTERIORS WITH THIS SLEEK AND AFFORDABLE **CHROME LAMP**.



splendid style

real living has long been addicted to Scott Schuman's thesartorialist.com blog, which celebrates "real" versus runway fashion style. He's just released a book of his favourite photos of the past four years, so we can enjoy the images all over again. **"The Sartorialist"** by Scott Schuman (Penguin, \$49.95). **D**



Natural light
Leran handmade
rattan pendant
lamp. \$59, Ikea.

HAND-ME-DOWN HELL

I bought my first home a few years ago and it's filled with a hotch-potch of items – from a hand-me-down blanket box and pine bookcase to a green laminate dining table from Vinnies. I feel exhausted when I look around, especially now I have a little boy.



Raw charm
Cancun **dining table** with whitewash finish, from \$999, Freedom Furniture.

Gentle glow
Hurricane lamps, \$49.95 for large, \$29.95 for small, Country Road.



Cool ceramics
Corso ceramic **vessel** in Cream, \$49.95, Freedom Furniture.

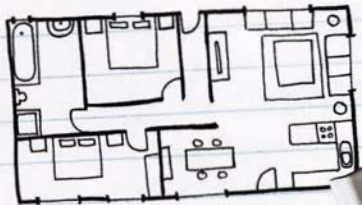


Stylish & simple
Wicker **chair** in Natural, \$420, Mark Tuckey.
For stockists, see page 159.

Add some texture
Egeby sisal **rug** in Beige (1.33m x 1.95m), \$149, Ikea.



Kelly wants to change her dining room first, so we've come up with a few suggestions.



I want calm not chaos! My taste has changed in recent years and I now like Hampton-style homes. I also loved the Modern Rustic home featured on page 26 of your August '09 issue. I'd like to completely redecorate, and the first room I want to fix is the dining room. Any ideas?

Kelly Larter, Kensington, NSW

REAL LIVING SAYS:

"If you want calm, **go white**. Using neutrals is the easiest decorating decision you'll ever make. Of course, you can just **paint** the pieces of furniture you already have and **reupholster fabrics** to create a lighter palette. But as you slowly replace furniture, look to the items on this page for inspiration. Hampton-style homes often incorporate **natural materials**, so look to using water hyacinth baskets for texture (and to store all those toys!). Wicker can look dated, so look for pieces with **contemporary lines** in a lighter **blonde shade**, such as the lamp and chair pictured. Just remember: texture, texture, texture." **DI**

WRITE IN TO WIN!

Simone and Kelly each win a SunnyLife Bermuda Classic **Tote** and Bermuda **beach towel**, together valued at \$139.90. For more information on SunnyLife products go to sunnylife.com.au
See page 160 for how to write to us.