

the chat room



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My favourite item

A Charles Blackman lithograph titled *I Love Tom Jones*. I bought it with the money my grandmother left me when she passed away, and I think of her every time I look at it.

My favourite room

My bedroom has one wall of glass, one wall of rainforest-themed photo-real wallpaper and a huge king-sized bed. I don't think it could be any more perfect.

Best kitchen gadget

My pale-pink KitchenAid. I also have the pasta-making and ice-cream-making attachments. My boyfriend knows something good is on its way when I pull it out.

When I relax at home I like to

Cook. I have a massive freestanding oven that can cook a whole ocean trout, two free-range chickens, a mango tart and a mountain of garlic potatoes all in one go.

One thing I'd change about my house

I have a car space, but I'd love a garage. With a remote control.

My signature dish

A slow-cook beef and mushroom thing I found in Stephanie Alexander's brilliant book. And scalloped potatoes.

My decorating style

Predominantly trash or treasure.

Table manners



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> mix it up

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< kids in the kitchen

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