

INSIDE OUT

Decorate differently

Think outside the box when it comes to decorating your home to create a space that is truly unique writes Rachel Quilligan



▲ Copper all around

Elissa Greer from Interiors by Darren James says copper is the material of the moment - use it in pendant lights, furniture, tap ware and fittings to give your home a warm, industrial aesthetic feel.

Ruby Star Traders rose gold/copper foil bowl RRP\$79.95 from Interiors by Darren James - www.interiorsbydarrenjames.com.au. Godfrey pendant light RRP\$330 from www.lightly.com.au



◀ Hang in there

Bringing nature inside is still a strong trend, and now foliage doesn't need to take up floor space.

"Hanging plants are all the rage," says Greer. "It's an extension of the macramé look."

A sixties hippy vibe is no longer necessary - the modern version is edgier and uses bold hanging choices like thick rope, straps or bright string.

Mister Moss ficus in pink string RRP\$52.99. For stockists visit www.mister-moss.com



◀ Tiki time

Want a taste of the tropics? Channel mid-century America and incorporate tiki carvings for truly exotic artwork.

Tiki Beat artist Marcus Thorn is well-known for his artful carving and adherence to traditional tiki styles.

"The whole tiki scene has gotten bigger in the last ten years," he says. "It is very popular around swimming pools as people want to create that South Pacific feel - like they're on holiday."

Thorn says ship figureheads are popular as feature art in homes, hotels and bars.

"No job is too big or small, it's only limited by imagination - of which I have plenty," he says.

Thorn also hosts tiki-carving workshops for those who want to create their own piece of paradise. For more information tel: 0431 373 318 or visit www.tikibeat.com.au



▲ Back to nature

Greer adds that natural fibres are also huge in homewares, so opt for hessian rugs, linen sheets and table cloths, woven baskets, and incorporate art made from raw materials like this Jute wall hanging.

Jute natural and indigo with tassels macrame wall hanging, RRP\$90, stockists visit: www.thedharmadoor.com.au

▼ Get tanked

Create your own micro-world with a terrarium - the perfect way to bring the outdoors indoors while still keeping the indoors pristine. That Flower Shop in Alderley holds workshops so you can create your very own tiny world of ferns, rocks and moss all enclosed in a glass orb. Tel: 3352 5773 or visit www.thatflowershop.com.au for more information.



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