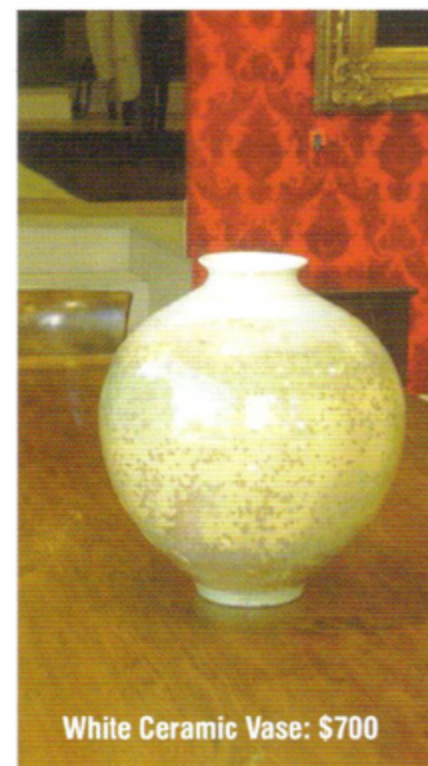


'Bottle Vase' - Deep Etch



'Firestarter' painting by company founder Robert Hood: \$2900



White Ceramic Vase: \$700

Crisanne Fox, Head of Australian Design for international furniture and home wares company Ashton Grove, gives her 10 top ways to warm a winter room through effective interior design...

1. Mood Lighting. Lamps are the easiest way to introduce warmth into a room. A warm, intimate feel can easily be created using strategically placed lamps. Light fixtures and the style of lamps you choose are also very important to the feel of your home.
2. Cushions. You can never have enough cushions, especially if you are living with leather! Piling you cushions is definitely the way to go this winter. Don't be afraid to combine different textures and patterns as well.
3. Timbers. Timber furniture is the key to making a house feel like a home, especially when you are in a modern apartment. One or two timber pieces in key areas can bring your room to life by adding texture, warmth and depth.
4. Colour. Add colour to your room through paintings, sculptures, vases etc. Choose pieces you identify with and colours and themes that reflect your own personality. A splash of colour can effectively warm and personalize your home.
5. Furniture Placement. Creating a different feel can be as easy as re-arranging your current pieces. Pull your couches away from the wall, bring them a little closer to the center of the room. It can make a world of difference.
6. Wallpaper. Flocked wallpapers are huge this winter. There are so many to choose from and it is a great way to update that old outdated painted feature wall.
7. Fabric. Replace those old plastic and chrome chairs with new upholstered styles. There are so many modern chair options which are comfortable and stylish. Fabrics are everything this winter!
8. Curtains Vs. Blinds. Ask your decorator to create a look which is cross-seasonal. Blinds are great in summer, but Curtains in winter can quickly change your room temperature and are a must have for Melbourne homes with large expanses of glass.
9. Floor and Wall Rugs. Rugs are great for warming rooms with timber and tile floors but can also create interesting visuals as wall hangings by, again adding texture and colour.
10. Be eclectic. Don't be afraid to mix your styles of furniture and art. Combining different looks can create intimate and personal space. Just remember, if you love it, you can make it work!

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