

Quick CHANGE



Stick to neutrals for your walls, floors and key furnishings and you'll easily be able to update any space in no time. To prove it, we asked interior designer Steven Graham (right) to give this living room two new looks using fresh accessories and a few furniture swaps



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CREAM OF THE CROP

Steven designed this Cape Town living room with easy living in mind and picked a neutral palette of white and cream that would have mass appeal. Different textures and subtle patterns were introduced in the form of soft furnishings to add interest, while the wooden furniture brings a warm natural touch to this serene scheme. ▷

ABOVE: Leather sofa, white bowl on coffee table and white pots in alcove, all from Steven Graham Designs. Throw from Woolworths. Scatters from Loads of Living. Coffee table, dining table and bird cage, all from Weylandts. Bar stools and dining chairs, all from Chair Crazy.

RIGHT: Candleholders from Loads of Living.





END OF THE RAINBOW


“Bring some sunshine into your home this summer and be daring with your colour choices,” says Steven. “It’s easy to introduce colour with accessories, but you can also use flowers like red roses, pink orchids and purple irises to liven up a room.” He traded the sleek white dining chairs for more playful patterned ones and picked up the shades of red and purple in the new velvet ottoman, bar stools and accessories. “Florals are huge at the moment and oversized prints are fun,” he says of his choice of fabrics. ▷

THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: ● Scatters, from left to right: The Secret Garden, Winchester, Fruit Salad; Designers Guild, Zephyrine, Rugosa, Plaster; Designers Guild, Sofienberg, Mariedal, Cobalt; Capri, Sorrentine, Plum; Designers Guild, Sofienberg, Olsson, Camellia, Fame, Turtle, all from Home Fabrics. ● Painting by Steven Graham. Flower tealight candleholders from @home. Metal bowl, stylist’s own. ● Dining chairs from Chair Crazy. OPPOSITE PAGE: Bar stools and white leather chair, all from Chair Crazy. Scatter on white chair made up in Home Fabrics’ Capri, Sorrentine, Plum. The ottoman, upholstered in a velvet from Tessa Sonik Fabric Collection, is from Steven Graham Designs. Blue planters on kitchen counter from Woolworths.





BLACK TIE

To create a more formal mood, Steven picked a timeless black and white scheme for this look. He introduced a classic wingback upholstered in a bold stripe, replaced the wooden coffee table with a glam mirrored one and added new scatters and shimmery accessories. "Black and white is a striking combination, but it can have a very masculine feel. By introducing shades of grey and a romantic rose print, I wanted to show that it can be 'softened' to appeal to both men and women." 

THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: ● Mirrored fish from Steven Graham Designs. Urban square mirrors from Mr Price Home. Metal planters and plants, stylist's own. ● Grey paisley scatters from Steven Graham Designs. Rose scatter made up in Sofienberg from Home Fabrics. ● White pot and orchid, both from Woolworths. OPPOSITE PAGE: Misbehaving chair and scatters on sofa, all from Steven Graham Designs. Scatter fabrics: Clarke Gable (squares) from Lula Fabrics and Gothic Piano (print) from Hertex Fabrics. Metallic tealight candleholders from Woolworths.



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