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When it comes to interiors, we like to think that we know a thing or two. And if we can share some of our experience and expertise in order to inspire our customers, then even better. Welcome to interior, Small Acorn's own in-house guide to the inside story. Read on for practical information, clever ideas, best buys, what's new and now, and expert advice. Be inspired.



Welcome to the Makeover issue

It's the newest buzzword in fashion and interiors – chiconomy! It's luxe for less. A make-do and amend philosophy that encourages us to makeover our homes without blowing the budget. And the up side of this is a home that has a story to tell, a more personal space that reflects you and your lifestyle.

Top tips for making the most of what you've got in your home chic and cheap

Make the most of good bones – reupholster an old chair to give it a new spin on life. Think button backs, fitted cushions on iconic chairs, contrasting texture and colour, retro-modern, large scale florals or textured plains and you have the essence of statement upholstery: confident and contemporary.

Quality over quantity – everytime! If something is worth doing, it's worth doing well. The old cliché still holds true. It's pointless paying to have an old chair reupholstered if the fabric you choose isn't robust. Designers Guild have some exceptionally high quality upholstery weight fabrics in their basic Essentials collections that won't cost much more than an off the shelf fabric, and will pay for themselves easily in the long term.

Get ready to cut & paste – find somewhere, anywhere to wallpaper. It's difficult to explain the



visual impact that the new generation of patterned or textured wallpapers will give, that will easily help you justify the price of 2 or 3 rolls. Make the offcuts into a one-off lampshade.

Mix modern & new with vintage & quirky with design & classic – the result will be original and personal. Have confidence.

Use everyday objects with treasured collectables to decorative effect. Think outside the everyday when it comes to new uses for vintage pieces – an old soft drink crate makes great magazine storage, an old door becomes a fabulous table top, old leather suitcases stacked together make a bedside table or display and storage, old bottles make the best vases.

Mix colour and pattern with plenty of bright white. White surfaces highlight the beauty of all other colours, and prevent a space from looking cluttered. Colour is addictive and emotive. Get out that paint brush. Colour in with fabrics, both old and new, in a variety of colours and textures, used for cushions & curtaining.

Edited Choice

Whether you're planning on renovating, dreaming about renovating, or like us, passionate about homes that tell a story, and all things interior, then these inspiring reads should be in your collection. All are available to buy online at www.smallacorns.co.nz.



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1 **Bazaar Style** works magic with junk shop finds, fabric remnants & second hand treasures. Mix with colour and flair, for the perfect contemporary vintage marriage.

2 Our passion for retro style shows no signs of fading. From the cerebral elegance of mid-century modern to the flamboyant opulence of the 1970s, retro interiors still have enormous appeal. **Living Retro** celebrates retro style in all its guises.

3 No line up of interiors books would be complete without at least one by Tricia Guild, the creative genius behind Designers Guild. In **Pattern** Tricia shows her skill in combining pattern & colour to create amazing interior spaces.

This issue

- ✿ **Time for a Makeover** – we share our ideas
- ✿ **Win a Designers Guild floor rug** – read on to learn how
- ✿ **Manhattan** – Get Designers Guild's take on the big apple
- ✿ **Edited Choice** – a round up of our favourite inspired interior reads
- ✿ **We're loving** – gorgeous lampshades

What's in



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1 Our wallpaper selection continues to grow, offering an amazing mix of dramatic 'feature wall' designs, as well as stripes, fabulous flocks, & textured plains. All in an exhaustive colour palette. Wallpaper adds an amazing impact for comparatively little outlay. See our online gallery at www.smallacorns.co.nz for some of our favourites.

2 Rienzi bedlinen from Designers Guild brings a relaxed and sophisticated look to your bedroom. A stylish woven stripe of magenta, lime and taupe on a stunning black cloth. Available to buy online at www.smallacorns.co.nz.

3 These fantastic embroidered cushions from Designers Guild will add an instant style fix to a jaded room. Designed to co-ordinate with the Manhattan fabric collection, but good company with any contemporary retro mix. The embroidered cushion features a contrast colour reverse and trim. Available to buy online at www.smallacorns.co.nz.



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Win this amazing Designers Guild Tullgarn Noir floor rug worth \$3500!



This beautiful floor rug will add the ultimate design statement to your floor. Made in pure New Zealand wool, by Designers Guild, it's valued at \$3500. To celebrate Makeover Month at Small Acorns, **Designers Guild** have given us one of these extra special rugs to give away. All you have to do is purchase any **Designers Guild fabric, wallpaper or furniture** in June or July and you're in the draw to win.

small acorns interior design services

- custom made curtains and blinds
- reupholstery
- new furniture
- lampshades & cushions
- interior consultations

At Small Acorns we offer design solutions to make your house into a beautiful home. Intelligent, unique, modern, stylish solutions for the way we live today. And all incorporating the inspiring design aesthetic of Designers Guild.

Our clients are busy, savvy, on a budget, cute and clever at the same time, and ingenious at finding a way to get something done. We understand because we're just the same. So, the interior design service we offer is not only relaxed, down to earth, friendly and professional, but also savvy, cute, clever, ingenious and on budget.

Our interior design service is exceptional.

To make an appointment or for more information about any of our design services, please contact us on 0800 22 67 67 or by email wgn@smallacorns.co.nz

The bright lights of the big city – Designers Guild Manhattan collection

Crisp, graphic imagery, and a stunning colour palette makes the new Designers Guild Manhattan collection ideal for all those looking for something fresh, vivacious and contemporary. A fantastic, stylised collection of prints - at times retro and vintage, yet with a touch of modern urbanite with its abstract and crisp graphic imagery. Drawing on natural forms of flowers, leaves and trees in a clean-cut and visually exuberant manner. These prints will appeal to all.

Printed on smooth crisp cotton for a modern and fresh edge, combined with a vibrant colour palette from fuchsia pink, reds and persimmon, turquoise, aqua and lime to soft clover and taupe



to more dynamic back and white. With names like Madison & Tribeca, that evoke the city which inspired the collection. Take a walk through this Central Park with its sculptural and abstract trees in vivid colours. A sophisticated and modern collection that is perfect for the metropolitan lofts of the urban city dweller, but equally at home amongst the bright lights of New Zealand.

The strong cotton base cloth used for this collection is ideal for upholstery, curtains, blinds, lampshades & cushions, making this collection truly versatile. The best news – this collection is not just practical and inspired, it's also priced with recessionary constraints in mind!

Instore, we are showcasing Manhattan with the new Designers Guild Hayward sofa, which is a little bit retro and quirky, and looks fantastic upholstered in the new Designers Guild Trento essentials fabric.

We're loving...

We love these lampshades! Winter especially is the time to cosy up inside, dim the lamps and light the fire. A simple way to add major impact to a room is with good lighting and a special lampshade. They can be made using fabric or wallpaper, and we especially love the addition of a bobble or three or four. The new Designers Guild Orsini trimmings are perfect for this. The size of your lampshade is pretty much up to you, and they can be tailored to work with a lamp base or to be hung from the ceiling. Large scale drums are still very much in vogue, and a cute empire bedside lamp is just the ticket to sweet dreams.

- 1 Drum shade made in Santuzza wallpaper
- 2 A vintage light fitting with a mix of small empire fabric shades
- 3 Great large scale pendant in Greenwich Village fabric

