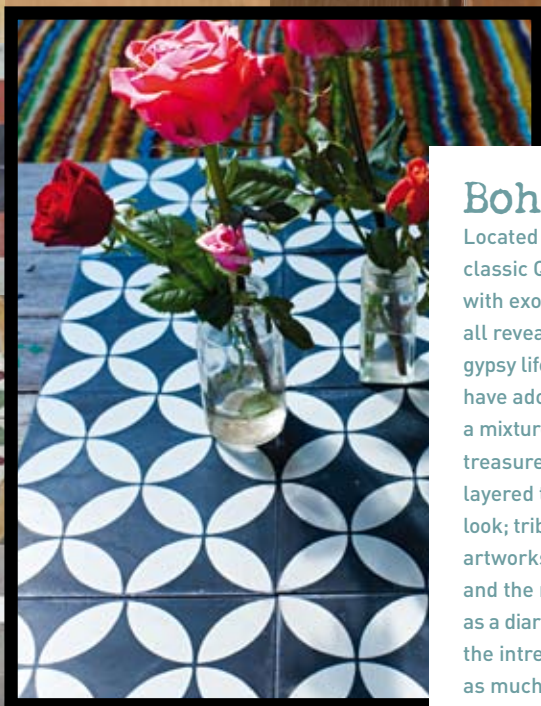


# IN DETAIL

ideas from the Marish home



## Boho chic

Located in subtropical northern NSW, this classic Queenslander is filled to the brim with exotic furniture and boho homewares, all revealing a vivid tapestry of the family's gypsy life. Owners Sonya and Anthony Marish have adorned their weatherboard house with a mixture of vintage, reclaimed and handspun treasures in soulful tones. Textures are layered to create a dense, almost cluttered look; tribal rugs, vibrant cushions and eclectic artworks decorate both the main residence and the rustic shed. Whimsical finds work as a diary of the family's journeys, encouraging the intrepid travellers to treat the place as much more than just a pit-stop.

### INSIDER'S GUIDE TO... TILES

Although Sonya is a dedicated collector of antiques, many of her tiles are reproductions. Known as encaustic, these tiles are made of hard-wearing concrete, inlaid into tessellated patterns. "Colour is not only on the surface of the tile but three-to-four millimetres thick," explains Sonya, who sells various ranges at her tile store, Jatana Interiors. Encaustic tiles are suitable for floors, walls, tabletops and splashbacks.

(Inset) Cement **encaustic tiles**, \$6 for 20 x 20cm (a penetrating sealer also needs to be applied); (left) a selection of **antique tiles** from Europe and South America, around \$17 per tile, all available from Jatana Interiors, (02) 6688 4048, [www.jatanainteriors.com.au](http://www.jatanainteriors.com.au).

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## FANS

Cross-ventilation is key in balmy climes, so well-positioned fans are effective devices. A ceiling fan can make you feel up to eight degrees cooler by providing a circulatory breeze, but it's important to choose the right size blade. A large living room or bedroom needs a fan with a blade of at least 132cm; a kitchen or study requires a 122cm blade.

(Clockwise, from top left) Cinni Design **wall fan**, \$279, from Fans City, [www.fanscity.com.au](http://www.fanscity.com.au). 'Airspace' **indoor fan**, \$209, from Omega, [www.omega-australia.com](http://www.omega-australia.com). 'Airfusion Command' **outdoor fan** with stainless-steel blades, \$149, from Beacon Lighting, [www.beaconshop.com.au](http://www.beaconshop.com.au).



### THINGS TO SOURCE...

↑ **BIRDCAGES** Sonya bought this large hanging piece (above) at a school auction. If you're after a similar old-world gem, it's worth fossicking at vintage shops and garage sales. A contemporary option is the 'Eco' birdcage (top left), \$99 for small, from Oz Design Furniture, visit [www.ozdesignfurniture.com.au](http://www.ozdesignfurniture.com.au). For a creative interpretation, consider a sweet birdcage necklace (above left), \$45, available from Love, [www.lovehate.com.au](http://www.lovehate.com.au), or Thomaspaul 'Garden Birdcage' cushion (above right), \$160, from Gidd Agencies, (07) 5500 0678.

↗ **TIMBER BOARDS** When purchasing reclaimed timber from salvage yards for her renovations, Sonya chose the same kind used in the original house – VJ lining on the wall, hoop pine tongue-and-groove floorboards, and window frames made from silky oak. "Reclaimed timbers were reasonably priced," says Sonya, "but there is a lot of work de-nailing, planing and sanding." (Top centre, from left) Reclaimed hoop pine, (140 x 20cm), \$38.50 per sqm; reclaimed silky oak (various sizes), from \$7.15 per linear metre; remilled VJ lining board (140 x 20cm), \$38.50 per sqm, all from Kennedy's Timber. Visit [www.kennedystimbers.com.au](http://www.kennedystimbers.com.au).

↳ **BEDROOM DRESSING TABLE** Paying homage to the 18th-century Queen Anne style, the dressing table in the master bedroom features subtle curves, delicate knobs and a shiny veneer. A reproduction, it was most likely mass-produced in the 1960s. For similar, try Ikea's 'Hemnes', \$379, visit [www.ikea.com.au](http://www.ikea.com.au); or scour eBay or second-hand furniture haunts, such as That Vintage Shop, visit [www.thatvintageshop.com.au](http://www.thatvintageshop.com.au).