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THINGS TO SOURCE...

↑ **REINDEER HIDE** The skin of a Lapland reindeer (a by-product of farming sustainable herds for food) has a soft, thick pile, so it works equally well as a rug or as a decorative piece. Scandinavian reindeer skin, \$495, available from Great Dane, (03) 9510 6111, or visit www.greatdanefurniture.com.

↑ **COFFEE TABLE** As regular visitors to mid-century furniture stores, Christina and Sebastian bought a 1950s Australian custom-made coffee table from Angelucci 20th Century (www.angelucci.net.au) a few years ago. If you're attracted to its gorgeous shapely legs, check out the 'Lyssna' coffee table by Melbourne craftsman George Harper, \$1350, available in American oak, American cherry (pictured) and walnut. For more details, visit www.tidedesign.com.au.

IN DETAIL

ideas from the Fitzroy home

Dark Moods Grouping treasured objects creates visual impact. In the living area, a collection of Murano glass boasts beautiful, dusky forms. Christina has been acquiring these 'Sommerso' objects for the past decade, often through eBay and from vintage dealers. The mid-century theme is extended with the 'AJ' table lamp by Arne Jacobsen and a wall-mounted cabinet that was custom-made locally. The artwork, *Before I Sleep*, by Melbourne's Sophia Szilagyi, offers a cinematic mood that works with the smoky look of the vases.

(Right) Louis Poulsen 'AJ' table lamp by Arne Jacobsen, \$1775, from Cult. Call 1300 768 626 or visit the website at www.cultdesigned.com.au.



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TOUGH-STUFF SURFACES

Industrial chic permeates the house, with a pleasing mix of slate and concrete textures inside and out.

1. 'Abode' paver in Linen, \$76 per sqm, from Boral, 1300 134 002, www.boral.com.au/landscaping. 2. 'Chinese Black' slate tiles with a natural split surface, 300 x 200 x 10-12mm, from \$40 per sqm, from Bellstone, 1800 663 235, www.bellstone.com.au. 3. High-quality besser blocks, \$3.20 per block, from Simon's Seconds, (02) 9729 4483, www.simonseconds.com.au.