



LOVE THAT, TRY THIS

PANEL BEATER Emma François' mid-century sideboard boasts bold colour panels in high gloss, set in a timber frame. Today, these are ideal for storing entertainment equipment. For a similar console, try Design Refinery's 'Charlie' sideboard (2200 x 366 x 502mm), \$4950, from Tongue And Groove Interiors, (03) 9416 0349, www.tongueandgroove.com.au.



A WHITE BACKDROP FUNCTIONS AS A BLANK CANVAS, ENCOURAGING EMMA TO DISPLAY HER CONTEMPORARY GRAPHIC ARTWORK AND MID-CENTURY ACCESSORIES

Beguiling mix
Merging different eras and styles, this French townhouse, owned by fashion designer Emma François, uses subtle devices to link the disparate elements. The warmth comes largely from major structural components – the curve of the original Art Nouveau staircase and the porthole-inspired window added in the 1980s. Modernist furniture mimics these sinuous lines, ranging from shapely dining chairs to globulous pendant lights.

THINGS TO SOURCE...

The unique patterning and available shades of tan, cream, brown and black are part of the appeal of cowhide rugs. Most leathers are tanned with chromium to prevent cracking but some hides use natural oils instead, such as pure vegetable extracts, to give a more supple, luxurious feel. (Above right) 'Koldby' cowhide, \$399, from Ikea, (02) 8002 0400, www.ikea.com.au.

Emma embraces pop culture in the living room, displaying an artwork of a vintage movie set by her artistic director, Sundae. Why not introduce classic movie-star images in surprising places? For cinematic soft furnishings, browse UK-based store, We Love Cushions. (Above) 'Michael Caine' cushion, £34.99, from We Love Cushions, www.welovecushions.co.uk.

Designed by France's Jean-Louis Domecq, the 'Loft' lamp has been in production since the early '50s. With articulated arms for flexibility, its strong industrial look is softened with a burst of colour – and there are 19 different hues on offer. Jieldé 'Loft' light is from \$400, from EuroLuce, (02) 9380 6222, www.euroluce.com.au. →

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IN DETAIL

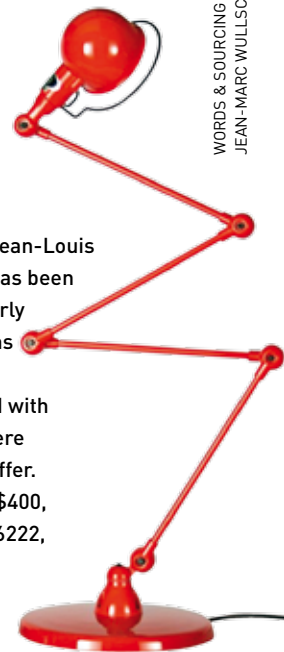
ideas from the François home

3 really great

TURNTABLES MP3s may have made life easier but audio buffs can't resist the rich crackle and scratch of vinyl.

To listen to your old-fashioned LPs on your iPod, buy a pre-amp that can convert vinyl tracks to a hard drive, such as the NAD 'PP-3', from \$219, from AudioTrends, (03) 9874 8233

1. Music Hall 'MMF-2.2LE' turntable, \$799, from Len Wallis Audio, (02) 9427 6755, www.lenwallisaudio.com 2. Michell 'GyroDec' turntable, \$4499, from Len Wallis Audio, as before. 3. Project 'Debut 3' belt-drive turntable, \$545, from AudioTrends, (03) 9874 8233, www.audiotrends.com.



IN DETAIL



INSIDER'S GUIDE TO... ARNE NORELL

The Swedish designer founded the Möbel AB Arne Norell furniture company in 1954. He's known for his 1964 'Scirocco' seating (below), inspired by the 1933 'Safari' chair by Danish architect Kaare Klint.

After his death in 1971, Norell was posthumously given the 'Showpiece of the Year' award by the British furniture industry for his 'Ari' chair.

'Scirocco' chairs, \$3250 each, from Great Dane, www.greatdanefurniture.com. Available in either teak with an oil finish or ash with a soap finish.



SUBJECT

TITLE

SESSÙN STYLE

When it comes to Emma François' savvy fashion label, Sessùn, it's apparent that she wears her heart on her sleeves. Her real soft spot for '60s design aesthetics – both in furniture and interior furnishings – also pops up in her ready-to-wear collections. Emma's recent range, which includes a classic trench coat, hooded parka, a long-sleeve wool jumpsuit and other designs that are stylishly designed for the seasonal drop in temperature, epitomises the casual French chic and bohemian cool. First launched in 1995 with a small run of accessories drawing inspiration from South American villages, Sessùn now has over 200 sales outlets around France, and the label's fashion and accessory ranges are available worldwide (just not yet in Australia). To see Emma's latest collection, visit www.e-sessun.com.

