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INSIDER'S GUIDE TO... SAFARI STYLE

Drawing inspiration from the late-19th and early-20th century British colonial design in Africa, the safari look embraces both the exotic and the refined. A monochrome backdrop - dark, almost foreboding walls, rich timber flooring and swathes of sultry fabric - anchors the room, while British colonial furniture is amalgamated with African elements. Big, robust timber pieces, for example, can be paired with spindly stools, all hand-carved by natives. Dotted around the room are quirky objects that add humour and even pomposity to the room, ranging from vintage pith helmets and fencing masks to decorative hip flasks. But remember, when it comes to animal print, less is more - it's a thin line between sophistication and kitsch.

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Curiosity corners Rich with dark nostalgia, the Brooklyn loft boasts an abundance of impressive relics from bygone eras. Sisters Hollister and Porter Hovey have decorated the space with oodles of imagination, making it a cohesive haunt for both the collectors and the curious. A melange of colonialist furniture, Victorian mementos and Art Deco flourishes creates an almost masculine feel, all softened by feminine upholstery and antique

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CHESTERFIELD SOFAS

Timeless aesthetics sum up the grand chesterfield sofa [subs: lower case in Mac]. Named after a 19th-century Earl of Chesterfield in the UK, it's characterised by wide, scrolled arms and rolled backs, all rich with leather folds and finished with leather-clad buttoning. A current resurgence means that designers, such as UK's Donna Wilson, have reinterpreted the solid form, introducing fully sustainable upholstery and colourful fabrics. 'Marlborough' three-seater, \$3599, from Freedom, 1300 135 588; www.freedom.com.au. De Padova 'Chesterfield 04' three-seater, \$11,847, from De De Ce, (02) 9360 2722; www.dedece.com. SCP 'Club' three-seater by Robin Day, \$tbc, from Hub Furniture, (02) 9217 0700; www.hubfurniture.com.au. SCP

