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**NEAT NOOK** Nichetto "Laurel" **side table** in Rosa Negrais marble and Bordeaux, \$2065, Spence & Lyda. **ON BENCH SEAT** Mongolian sheepskin **rug** in Pink Blush, \$154, Himalayan long hair goatskin **rug** in White, \$231, and Icelandic sheepskin **rug** in Wine, \$198, Hides of Excellence. Daou **cushion** in Ivory, \$50, Freedom. Printed **cushion** in Tokyo, \$89, House of Orange. Stitch **cushion** in Sunset (62cm x 62cm), \$180, Jordan. **ON SIDE TABLE** Books from Koskela and Opus Designs. Janetta Kerr-Grant ceramic **mug**, \$55, Koskela. **ON WALL** Arch **wallpaper** in Chilled Coral, \$72 per lineal m, These Walls. Cantilever **wall sconce**, \$1930, Specified Store. **ON FLOOR** Art Select parquet **vinyl flooring** in Auburn Oak AP02, from \$79 a sq m (supply only), Karndean Designflooring. Mongolian sheepskin **rug** in Fawn, \$154, Hides of Excellence. Velvet **beanbag** in Cinnamon, \$139, Kip&Co. **MODEL WEARS** Turtleneck **sweater** (worn underneath), \$139, Interval. Pop lambswool **sweater**, \$499, Lonely. Vargo **culottes**, \$290, Viktoria & Woods. **Socks**, \$14.90 for pack of 3, Uniqlo. **OPPOSITE PAGE** Ario **quilt cover** in Apple Butter, \$270 for queen, Jordan. Regina **throw** in Ivory, \$179, Freedom. Nur Design **tray** in White, \$105 for extra large, Top3 By Design. Skagerak "Edge" terracotta **teapot** in Burned Red, \$250, and **mug** in Burned Red, \$25, Top3 By Design. Brass **scoop**, \$25, Zakkia. Resin pearl **vase**, \$110, Dinosaur Designs. Stem **tea strainer** in Brass, \$39, Zakkia. →



### make a mural

To create this feature wall, *Real Living* style editor Kerrie-Ann first sketched her design on paper for reference. She mapped out the design on the wall in pencil and painted from the top down, covering any paint splatters as she went. Here, matte-finish paints have been used, with a French Wash effect on the top, light-pink layer, but you can mix and match textures for a layered effect, working within your own colour scheme. And don't be afraid to think beyond the bedroom – a feature wall like this will also provide a lovely focal point in a living room, dining area or entryway.





**PLACE OF REST** Side table, cushions, books, mug, wallpaper, flooring and rug, as before. Marshall headphones, \$199, Mr & Mrs Jones. **OPPOSITE PAGE** Portobello bedhead in Geneva Marshmallow, \$990 for queen, Heatherly Design Bedheads. Kelly KL70 velvet armchair in Elk Wildflower, \$2774, Jardan. Matthew Hilton I-Beam side table in Walnut, Spence & Lyda. Amicable spltt large bench in Walnut, \$1299, BluDot. **ON BED** Arlo quilt cover in Apple Butter, \$270 for queen, and standard pillowcase in Apple Butter, \$85 a pair, Jardan. Regina throw in Ivory, \$179, Freedom. Mette Dittmer cotton cubic throw in Wine, \$109, Designstuff. Linen duvet cover in Biscuit, \$275, and pillowslip in Biscuit, \$85 a pair, In Bed. Cushion cover, \$29.99, H&M Home. **ON SIDE TABLE** Stone vase in Snow Swirl, \$220 for large, Dinosaur Designs. Gucci Bloom Acqua Di Fiori eau de toilette, \$165 for 100ml, Gucci. Metal tray in Dusky Pink, \$19.99, H&M Home. Round tin in Brass, \$55, Lightly. **Books** from Koskela and Opus Design. **ON BENCH** Tray, teapot, mug, scoop, vase and tea strainer, as before. **ON WALLS (BOTTOM TO TOP)** Interior Expressions low sheen acrylic paint in Burnt Sienna, \$39.80 for 1L, and Autumn Leaf, \$39.80 for 1L, Haymes Paint. Eggshell acrylic paint in Fired Earth, \$47.45 for 1L, Porter's Paints. New Endure low sheen paint in Cherry Port, \$68.50 for 4L, Taubmans. Eggshell acrylic paint in Nude, \$46.08 for 1L, and Babydoll, \$46.08 for 1L, Porter's Paints. **ON FLOOR** Art Select parquet vinyl flooring in Auburn Oak AP02, from \$79 a sq m (supply only), Karndean Designflooring. Ghan rug (1.7m x 2.4m), \$1620, Armadillo & Co. Classicon Roattino "Eileen Gray" floor lamp, Anibou. Stuart Weitzman "Delano" fur slides, \$395, Hermanns. **MODEL WEARS** Purl Harbour by John MacArthur handknitted wool jumper, \$336, Purl Harbour. Interval trousers, \$169, Wanderlust Trading Co. →

## layer upon layer

The secret to making your home look effortlessly pulled together? Layers! This applies to textiles, artworks, decorative items, even your window treatments. In the set-up below, we've started from the ground up, layering rugs, throws and cushions in a variety of shapes, sizes and textures, working within a warm colour scheme of red, maroon, pink and grey to tie it all together.

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**CEILING THE DEAL** These carefully placed downlights act as spotlights, drawing the eye to the shelving system.

**FLUSH WITH PRIDE**  
Hugging the ceiling like the all-too-familiar 1970s oyster light, this fitting may share a similar aesthetic, but it offers much more visual appeal. It's also a fun solution when your ceiling's too low for a pendant.

**FULLY WIRED** Wall lights, with the light source directed upwards create wall washes, or gorgeous reflected light. The result is subdued and atmospheric, ideal for generating mood. Alternatively, a sconce pointing downwards can double as a reading light.

**ON THE SPOT** A big virtue of a table light is its mobility – you can put it wherever you want and it can switch from ambient light to task light to accent light, depending on how you use it. How's that for versatility?