

RENO SPECIAL

A BEACH SHACK MAKEOVER + SECRETS TO A SMART HOME

# australian home beautiful

collector's  
edition  
**BEST  
OF THE  
BEST**  
OUR TOP  
ROOMS

## 50 Beautiful rooms

Steal the looks from our most inspiring homes

### *alfresco* FABRICS

Splash your outdoor space with colour

### PETE EVANS

Our new resident chef shares his favourite recipes

### PERFECT PLANNING

## Kitchens, bathrooms & laundries

Design tricks + clever buys + new trends

**14. We love:** The relaxed indoor/outdoor feel of this colourful living area impressed *HB* art director Imogene. "I love the room's open feel, with the large window, and how the textured interior wall picks up on the stacked stone effect outside," she says.

**Get the look:** An eye-catching drum shade makes an instant focal point – design your own at Shady Designs. To emulate the wall's rustic textured look, try Porter's Paints 'Fresco' finish in Agra.



**15. We love:** This Melbourne home office, designed by Retail Therapy ID, is an exuberant example of how to make a small space punch well above its size. "The wallpaper and black wall turned a tiny space into a stunning room," enthuses *HB* editor Wendy.

**Get the look:** Graphic wallpaper – Schumacher 'Imperial Trellis' from Retail Therapy ID – and a wall painted in Dulux 'Raku' are a dramatic combination. A Moooi 'Paper Chandelier' from Space echoes the swirls in the wallpaper. The desk is finished in 'Natural Zebrano' from Laminex for a rich timber effect.

"This dining room would be the perfect place for a noisy Christmas lunch" – Stephanie, *HB* style editor

**16. We love:** Creating an intimate feel in an open-plan space is always a challenge, but this Sydney dining area makes it look effortless. "The long table and shelves help to zone the space," says style editor Stephanie. "And the retro-inspired wallpaper makes the whole space sing."

**Get the look:** Perfect for accommodating a crowd, this extra-long dining table from Planet is paired with white 'No. 18' bentwood dining chairs from Thonet, allowing the feature wall in Elitis Glass 'Dolce Vita' wallpaper from Seneca Textiles to take centre stage. For similar floorboards, try Boral spotted gum flooring from North Shore Timber. >