

# SPACE MISSION

Spacious rooms are the perfect setting for a striking art collection.



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## GET THE LOOK

Fo by Tim Craker, \$2500, from a selection at Nellie Castan Gallery.



Right: Artemide Tolomeo Micro table lamp in aluminium, \$316, from Ornare Lighting.



Left: Roses, \$35 for 10, from Domain Flowers; Bladot vaso, \$12, from Ikea.

Right: Art books, from \$60 each, from Metropolis (similar from Ariel Booksellers). Below: Moses basket, \$145, from Hermon & Hermon.



Right: French Ticking (top), \$64 a metre, and Oslo linen, \$104 a metre, from Westbury Textiles. Below (clockwise from top): jug, \$40, flared bowl, \$27.50, latte cup, \$28.50, and noodle bowl, \$35, from Mud Australia.



Above: on the mantelpiece is an ink-on-paper work by Ken Whisson and ceramic pieces by Gwyn Hanssen Pigott.

Left: *Itoba#2* by Tim Craker hangs in Shareen Joel's living room.

Shareen and Dean Joel's home in Melbourne's Caulfield is a lesson in blending the past with the present. "I love balance and proportion," says Shareen, a product, interior and brand designer, who remodelled their art-deco family home into a stylish, contemporary space for the couple and their children Sasha, 5, and Nicholas, 3. The couple's impressive art collection hangs throughout the house, even in the children's rooms and the kitchen. Shareen is drawn to both "figurative and graphic styles", listing artists Robert Owen, Esther Erlich and Mark Howson as favourites. Design books and journals are stacked up on the two low coffee tables by Italian designer Giallo Cappellini. "I like their modernity," says Shareen, adding that they contrast with the classic feel of the living room with its original steel-framed windows and wide window seat. "I like to add personality through furniture, art and surprise touches." □

STOCKISTS: Ariel Booksellers (02) 9332 4581, Domain Flowers (03) 9820 1588, Hermon & Hermon (03) 9477 0599, www.hermonhermon.com.au, Ikea (03) 6416 5000, (02) 9416 2744, Metropolis (03) 9865 2015, Mud Australia (03) 9421 0900, (02) 9699 2600, Nellie Castan Gallery (03) 9904 7366, Ornare Lighting 1300 135 709, Westbury Textiles (03) 9529 6211, (02) 9560 6644.