



Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. This will be a quarterly publication which we hope will inform, inspire and keep you current with today's trends.

"Spring is sprung" as the saying goes, the bulbs are popping out of the ground and soon the gloom of winter will be fading into the distance. Time to revisit, rethink, revamp. Remember, beautiful interiors are often the result of individuals working together so time to bring in your ideas and let's put our heads together.

fast forward

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Benchmark homes to our premises. Benchmark, renowned for their quality homes, have taken the front half of our showroom for their display area. Benchmark add a new dimension to Vivienne James Interiors so we are delighted to have them aboard. We look forward to mutually beneficial and exciting business transactions in the future.

go for glam

Now is your chance to go for glam. Wallpaper is back with a vengeance and we have sourced some wonderful papers with which to tempt you. Big, bold and beautiful is how I would describe them so the time is ripe to be brave with a statement wall to die for.

But, be careful, statement walls as with feature walls need careful consideration. They work best when used for a purpose and not just because you lust after one. The rules are:-

- when you wish to change the dimensions of a room
- to direct people to a specific area ie down a corridor,
- if the wall is architecturally deserving
- if the wall is to be used for specific art



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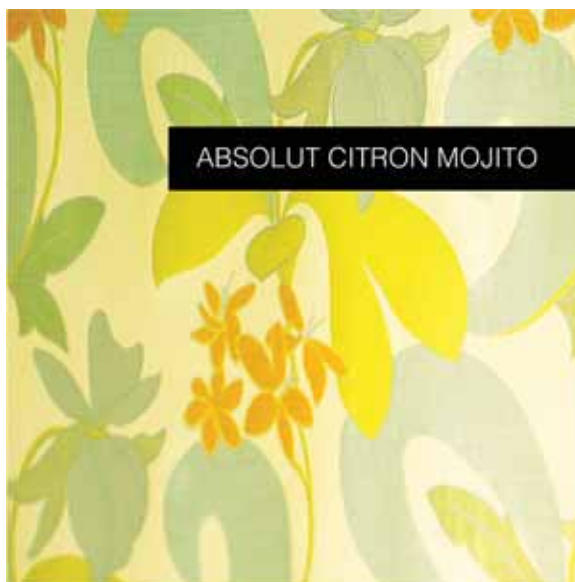
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buy nz made

This is time enough for people to have bought imported furniture and realise for themselves some of the drawbacks, and the quality differences between locally made furniture and what is coming in from overseas. When you live on the other side of the world, and know your end user will never be able to call on you to take responsibility if your product is poor, is there really an incentive to focus on quality? This is a favourite saying of one of our suppliers "the bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low cost is forgotten".

quarterly cocktail



ABSOLUT CITRON MOJITO

2 parts ABSOLUT CITRON
1 part Lime Juice
Mint Leaves
Lime Slice
Sugar

Build in a rocks glass.
Add mint, sugar and lime,
muddle thoroughly. Add ice
and fill with citron. Stir and
garnish with lime wheel.



Inspired by Villa Nova 'Paradis'

the art of hanging

As any decorator, curator, or gallery owner can tell you, there is an art to hanging art well. Many times I go into a home and need to rehang the art. Pictures are the final layer in a beautiful room. The following are some helpful points to consider when displaying art:-

- heat
- draught
- temperature variations
- direct light

Make sure method of hanging is sufficient for the weight of the artwork.

Consider whether traffic or use of the room will endanger the work.

Make sure you do not hang your art too high. A single painting or the main piece of art in a grouping should generally be hung at eye level or an average person.

If in doubt create a template to the size of your art work and attach it to the wall where you think you would like to hang your art with artist's masking tape or blue tack.

When hanging art of different sizes around the room, pictures should be lined up by their centre lines, not the tops of the works. If you look at museums and galleries, this is the way they hang art.

Outer walls, fireplaces, heaters and direct sunlight are to be avoided as temperature variants and light will affect your artwork.

If you care enough about a piece of art to have it framed do it well. Good framing can be expensive but "it maketh or breaketh" the art.

Archival or conservation matting and mounting products should be used to create a protective environment for your treasured piece, shielding it against invisible pollutants that cause artwork to fade and photographs to turn yellow and deteriorate.

Treasure and protect your art. Your grandchildren will be thankful you did.