



HOME TRUTHS with editor Robyn Willis

It's curtains for cheap coverings

In the great renovating scheme of things, window coverings don't tend to rate very highly.

Often considered something of an indulgence, curtains and blinds can end up being done on the cheap using what is left of the budget after it has been stretched beyond its limits.

But given they are a hassle to install and that our summers can be quite harsh without them, I think there's a lot to be said for spending time — and money — on a good set of curtains.

These days, interior designers appear to have fallen in love with floor-to-ceiling sheer curtains for their easy glamour and ability to mask myriad faults.

It's true. A set of beautiful curtains running the length of a wall can make the most of ceiling heights and obscure oddly shaped windows while offering a certain level of privacy.

But for those of us who live a little closer to the street, the neighbours or just the west-facing afternoon sun, often something a little more heavy-duty is required.

We still have the blinds I had custom-made for the house when we moved in more than a decade ago.

That's partly because I still love the fabric (who can top Florence Broadhurst for pattern?) but it's also down to the fact that they were made so well.



GLOW AND BEHOLD

This mirror-polished candle holder is a lesson in minimalist design. Patricia Urquiola for Georg Jensen Urkiola candleholder, \$255, from Top3 by Design, top3.com.au

WISH LIST

THIS WEEK'S MUST-HAVES

Compiled by Erica Watson

BLOWING OFF STEAM

This stylish kettle is an out-of-this-world choice. Sunbeam Marc Newson kettle in lucite green, \$171, from Appliances Online, appliancesonline.com.au

MODERN LOVE

Inspired by the David Bowie tune, this gold foil print is a reminder of good times. Golden Years Print, \$55, from Hunting for George, huntingforgeorge.com.au

Golden years.



WE WANT!

Jardine side table, \$269.95, chair, \$499.95 and mirror \$129.95, and Roach pouf, \$599.95, from Amalfi, amalfihomewares.com.au

FLUTTER BY BUTTERFLY

Cut from a reclaimed bone china plate, this pretty lime butterfly will bring new life to a blank space. Chrysalis butterfly, \$55, from Lightly, lightly.com.au



EGGING YOU ON

This little resin egg cup just made mornings a whole lot more interesting. Egg cup, \$29, from Keep Resin, keepresin.com.au



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