

WISH LIST

THIS WEEK'S MUST-HAVES

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THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

This versatile piece of furniture works as a large coffee table or as a daybed. It is made from FSC certified timber by Jeremy Lee. Stoke daybed from \$1850, from Handcrafted, handcrafted.com



HELLO SAND

Your tabletop will be ship shape with these cute coasters to protect it. Seaside coasters, \$19.95, for a set of four from Emporium, emporiumhome.com.au



JUST DESSERTS

These stainless steel ice cream shovels are just the thing for enjoying summer afternoon treats. Ice cream shovels, \$15 for a set of four from Oxfam, oxfamshop.org.au

HOME TRUTHS

with editor Robyn Willis

Putting a lid on the household chaos

It's time to admit it. The holidays are drawing to an end and even as the temperatures continue to soar, kids are squeezing their feet into new school shoes and adults are ditching the thongs in favour of heels and lace-ups. Each year I promise myself to be more organised and I find the smaller the goal I set, the more successful it is. Post Christmas, the first task on the agenda is getting the bedroom back into shape after it became the main storage area for unwrapped presents. I also have a tendency to hoard discarded boxes and ribbons which somehow find their way into the bedroom prior to Santa's arrival. As much as possible, they've been repurposed or at least stored with other stationery supplies for easy access. After being overwhelmed by the volume of permission notes generated by just three children in past years, I decided to position what passes as our filing system on the sideboard next to the dining table. Ditto the canteen lunch order lists and even contact details for class parents. It also helped that I cleared out what was left of the obsolete paperwork from the last couple of years and dumped it in the recycling bin. Yes, all right, it was a job well overdue. It's a small gesture but given it's where most of the notes are signed and lunch orders written out, it makes sense. And it works, most of the time. As with most organisational systems, success hinges on the whole family being on board, which is often a substantial exercise in itself. I've tried similar systems with the school lunch boxes with varying degrees of success. Those with hinged lids seem to do best (as long as they come home) while the ones with separate lids seem to have trouble sticking together. I may need a new system. robyn.willis@news.com.au

BROWSE AGE BEAUTY

With its masculine good looks this striking floor lamp would look great in an industrial space, an older home or even the man cave. The pendant pivots to direct light. Allendale floor lamp, \$910, from Eco Chic, ecochic.com.au

LAZY SUMMER DAYS

You won't want to move from the comfy spot on this bean bag with fabric suitable for outdoor use. Sunnyboy bean bag in Geo Red, \$59.95, from LIFE! lifeliveitup.com.au

IN BLACK AND WHITE

Black and white stripes are a classic style combo so this vase will look good even without a few select stems in it. Draper vase, 34cm tall, \$64.95, from Amalfi, amalfihomewares.com.au



SPACE CADET

Your child will be dreaming amongst the stars under this super cool doona set with a design based on an authentic space suit at the Space Museum in Holland. Made in Portugal, it is designed to Australian bedding standards. Siruk Astronaut single doona cover set, \$169.95, from Krinkle, krinkle.com.au



GRIT ON A LIMB

Start the new year in good order with this sturdy timber shelving system finished in tobacco wash. It works well as a room divider or up against a wall. Kai bookshelf, \$2825, from Boyd Blue, boydblue.com

WINDS LIKE CLOCKWORK

Watch the wheels of time turn with this steampunk-style timepiece. Clock work gear clock, 23.5cm wide, \$189.99, from Yellow Octopus, yellowoctopus.com.au



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This week's cover

The future is here, with this week's cover turning the focus on what is just around the corner in housing. This prefabricated house was constructed in Melbourne by Prebuilt and then installed in Clovelly. More information on page 9



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