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DESIGNER HOLIDAYS AT HOME

We asked some of our favourite creative minds to share their inspiration with us.

This year 'taking a break' might mean an afternoon walk by the beach, a fancy restaurant meal delivery, a drive to somewhere different or a picnic. A nation of travellers, we have now all spent many, many hours at home - the silver lining in this year - yet it is also where most of us will also be spending our holiday break, making it hard to feel we have got away from 'the grind'. We might not be on the move, but finding something fresh in the 'same' we can do. Time now for something different in the HOME to help recreate that holiday feeling.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES (FOR GROWN UPS)

Take an online tour, learn a new skill, rediscover favourite activities - we might be at home, however you can still connect with a favourite holiday destination. Here are a few ideas:

Go online

Take an art gallery tours (we love Rijksmuseum Amsterdam); Try Japanese Ikebana floral arranging (search YouTube for beginners classes); Immerse yourself this summer in a new language - make it fun and learn with a group of friends. Love coffee? Take a Barista course (Barista Hustle.com). Or check out interiors 'how to' classes from globally renowned Interior Designer Kelly Werstler (masterclass.com)

Write/photograph

Try a penpal revival with far-flung family or friends; photograph a favourite local spot and turn to Canva for DIY design and printing.

Create

Lego is not just for kids. Design a 'brick' dream home - keep the 'work in progress' somewhere prominent so the whole household can add to it.

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BEDROOMS

GEORGIE LECKEY

'Heatherly Design' bespoke bedheads are created through an obsession with beautiful interiors fabrics for one-of-a-kind bedrooms.

You may long for a time when you can once again sleep in a bed someone else has made but for now, Georgie Leckey shows us how to slumber in style at home. Leckey, Melbourne-based 'bedhead queen', creates some of Australia's most swoon-worthy bedrooms. Her distinctive passion for pattern, and talent for elevating our sleeping spaces, sets her apart in both her residential, and 'stately' projects. They include working with interior directors at Admiralty House in Sydney - where Meghan and Harry stayed. heatherlydesign.com.au



Favourite hotel (bedroom)?

Crosby Sreet Hotel New York (a Kit Kemp designed Firmdale Hotel). Simply breathtaking soft furnishings, floral arrangements and décor.

Bedroom luxury?

Sleeping in pure linen sheets. It is a little luxury that breathes in summer, warms in winter, and is beautiful against the skin.

Lounging look?

Always silk pyjamas.

Online 'interiors' find?

@nouvelle_nomad has the most incredible collection of vintage and 'hard to find' Moroccan rugs. I just purchased one, I'm in love, it's more beautiful than I could have ever imagined.

(Hotel-worthy) sleeping space?

Upholstered bedhead; a well-chosen textile covering can freshen the entire room, and they are perfect to rest against when reading. Always opt for a dimmer switch on lighting, bright for those 'I've lost an earring moments', and subdued for restful moments. A footstool (if space allows) at the end of the bed looks chic and is uber-handly. Sit while you pop on your shoes, use as a clothes rest, or a 'stepping stone' for our Jack Russell to jump onto his spot on the bed!

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1. Practical meets whimsy with fun Coote & Co. pineapple lamps. 2. Enjoy full 'holiday at home' treatment with tropical wallpaper from Patricia Braune. 3. Lounge in silk luxury, by Olivia von Halle. 4. Take some inspiration from Kit Kemp Interiors. 5. Get scented spaces with Halcyon House x Lumira candles. 6. Beautify your bedroom with Heatherly Design.

"I worked in interior design before meeting my farmer husband (on a plane coming back from England) - Heatherly Design was launched 13 years ago after girlfriends kept requesting my bedheads."



AT HOME, OUTDOORS

STEPHANIE CONLEY

The Hostess creates easy Mediterranean flavours ideal for the outdoors – in unique style.

Channel resortside glam and sunny vibes with ex-fashion designer and now cookbook author - Stephanie Conley AKA 'The Hostess' – queen of good taste and fabulous food. As days become longer, Stephanie looks to outdoor spaces, sharing her inspiration for adorning your home retreat with stylish outdoor pieces, what you should wear, and yes, dining style. Take her holiday style tips onboard; you don't even need to leave your patio or poolside to play along. thehostess.com.au



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1. Sink into holiday comfort in a Stuart Membery chair. 2. Choose handmade ceramics for summer entertaining, from Alex and Trahanas. 3. Look the part in summer a chic Pippa Holt kaftan. 4. Make entertaining treats from *At Home With The Hostess*. 5. Wrap up in gorgeous jazz stripe poolside towels from Missoni. 6. Add charm to your outdoors and accent an area with handpainted Old World Tiles.



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“I love creating. You eat with your eyes first so my food has an emphasis on looking good, as well as tasting great.”

Design inspiration?

Old world Hollywood for fashion and interiors; these days as a mum I keep with the theme, albeit with a more practical and functional flair.

Classic hotel terrace?

The Beverly Hills Hotel, it retains the glamour of another era.

(Hotel-worthy) summer table setting?

Linen tablecloths, raffia placemats, blue and white plates, white blooms. My summer table.

Style for our long, hot summer (at home)?

Long linen dresses and kaftans in pastels.

Outdoor spaces at home?

Make your area comfortable so you're drawn to spending time there. Outdoor plants in ceramic pots bring atmosphere. Cushions for colour and comfort. Candles for the scent of summer.

Instagram inspiration?

I'm a big fan of Mark D Sikes interiors as inspiration for my home design.

SPA SPACE

MELANIE GRANT

From Australia, to Paris, to Los Angeles – Melanie Grant Skin Health Salons are luxuriant, glamorous destinations.

As owner of an international chain of spa salons, skin expert and Australia's CHANEL facialist, Melanie Grant exudes a healthy enviable glow. The kind that stops you in your tracks and makes you want to, 'have what she's having' – which of course you can, if you live near one of her eponymous spa locations. Yet the summer season when many of us travel and indulge in hotel and resort spa treatments – pampering experiences that offer an escape from the rigours of 'real life' – are all but a distant memory for the time being. We spoke with Melanie Grant and persuaded her to share the secrets she uses herself, to create a 'Spa Space' at home. melaniegrant.com

“I'm constantly inspired by interiors - detail is key. I love sourcing unique pieces and watching them transform a space.”



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1. Next level bathing ritual, hand hammered tub All Things Copper. 2. Invest in a Pierre Augustin Rose, boucle wool chair. 3. Scented 'home salon', floral subscription Floraly. 4. The CHANEL Spa at the Ritz Paris. 5. 'Spa lounging' wrapped in Missoni. 6. Nail polish dryer à la The Peninsula Hotel, from Kogan. 7. Bathroom 'salon' style with Luxe Mirrors.



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Design inspiration?

Raphael Navot (designer, Hotel National des Arts et Metiers Paris). Pierre Augustin Rose for indulgent furniture.

Breathtaking hotel spa?

I love the CHANEL spa at The Ritz in Paris. The interiors are so incredibly decadent, the space transports you to another world!

To unwind?

It's no secret that I love my bath - I find it the ultimate cure-all. Nothing elevates you to 'spa relaxation' quite like a scented bath (or shower), add magnesium salts to soothe tired

muscles, and a few drops of pure rose essential oil if you are feeling decadent.

Top of your travel bucket list? Los Angeles, I'm desperate to visit my Studio on Melrose Place, and my wonderful team and clients.

Spa space at home?

Take the time to nestle in the sound of silence for a moment – then mood dependent, add some tunes (wind down favourites include Stephane Pompougnac and Sebastien Tellier). A robe is perfect to wear while I let my oils and creams infuse after bathing, it definitely instils a sense of holiday.



LOUNGING BAR (AT HOME)

TWO BIRDS BREWING

Drawing their favourite things from global influences informs the design choices of these stylish bar queens.

Jayne Lewis and Danielle Allen are 'Two Birds Brewing', Australia's first female-owned brewing company. With an award-winning boutique brewery and The Nest tasting room and bar under their belt, Lewis and Allen know exactly what it takes to create a welcoming space. A spot where people want to spend time, with friends or alone, relax, listen to music, and yes – enjoy a favourite drink. Repurposing a room (or nook) as a 'mini home bar' (tasting space) doesn't need to be complicated. Invest in a drinks cabinet, perhaps dim the lighting, paint the space, gather round a lounge chair or two, take a tip from Two Birds Brewing music playlists – and embrace your own clever hideaway. twobirdsbrewing.com.au



“We love colour, brightness and unashamedly, sequins and sparkles – definitely more is more décor.”



1. Swish 'cocktail hour ready' Frans Drinks Cabinet, Pinch Design. 2. Every bar needs a Smeg 'mini fridge'. 3. Two Birds Brewing beer. 4. Bar glass etiquette with Reidel's Spiegelau Beer Classics Tasting Kit. 5. Smeg Dolce & Gabbana 'Sicily is my Love' blender. 6. Resene shows you just how good a yellow wall can be. 7. Flor de Lis vinyl runner to catch spills.



1. Gucci incense burner takes your serene space to the next level. 2. Yogibeings hand-crafted pure copper water bottle. 3. Create a 'room within a room' with Linen Shed curtains. 4. Fan off between stretches, Khu Khu. 5. Zen sounds sweeter through SONOS. 6. Bown Yoga Mats are Kate's #1 choice.

ZEN ZONE

KATE KENDALL

Take inspiration from the great outdoors and the natural world to guide your serene retreat style.

As co-founder of visionary fitness space Flow Athletic, yogi to the stars, author (*Life in Flow*), and host of yoga retreats in New Zealand, Kate Kendall is an expert at creating zen zones. In the strangest of years more of us are seeking quiet spaces inside our homes – especially as we may not be travelling to unwind at favourite holiday spots. Kate is a fan of keeping relaxation spaces “simple and clean”, a perfect anecdote to a world of screens and constant motion. Let her help you design a mindful space that is a place to simply be ... a destination we would all like to enjoy, now more than ever. Flow at home.

flowathletic.com.au



“Try and choose a space in the home that is quiet and away from clutter.”

Design inspiration?

I'm originally from a small NSW country town, Batlow. My childhood was spent roaming the apple orchards, riding my BMX, and waterskiing in the dam. Now I love to 'bring the outdoors in' with biophilic design, using the healing power of the natural environment. "Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you" – Frank Lloyd Wright.

Memorable 'zen' view?

Tough choice between outdoor classes at Uluru, or a retreat on the South Island of NZ called, Aro Ha. Both magic.

Favourite resort?

Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island. You feel like you are tucked away in a secret part of heaven. Beautifully peaceful.

Zen zone at home?

A nook to put down a meditation cushion and have plenty of arm space around you. Perhaps include *pujas* to honour the things we're grateful for, like an anchor into your most authentic self. Maybe you simply place a candle, or a piece of art that reminds you of your creativity.

Best mat for yogis?

Bown Yoga Mat. Gets grippier the sweatiest you get and they have great designs.

Scent for the zen zone?

Always a little Palo Santo to clear the space - I love the smell - but remember, just a bit is enough.