

IN DETAIL

ideas from the Catskills cabin



HOLIDAY STYLE

Set in the Catskills area, about two hours' drive north of New York City, Melanie's home with its painted pale-grey exterior is a picture of modern restrained simplicity. The traditional holiday cabin feel is retained, however, with the handrails, window frames and pergola picked out in white. Inside the home, it's a playful blend of old and new, colourful and tonal, ethnic and American.



'Koura' pendant light (on left), from \$1920 (available in three sizes); 'Nikau' pendant light, \$1951, both by David Trubridge and from Mondo Luce. Call (02) 9690 2667 or visit www.mondoluce.com.au.



INSIDER'S GUIDE TO... GENIE-BOTTLE DECANTERS

The genie-bottle decanters seen on Melanie's sideboard are from the '50s to '70s. Italian producers of alcohol, perfumes and oils used to export their products in these highly decorative containers in an effort to add Euro exoticism. Now difficult to find with matching stoppers, the bottles range in size from about 30cm to over a metre high. Prices are around \$80 for small and \$120 for mid-sized versions. Extra-large varieties can be up to triple this price. (Left) Genie-bottle decanters, from \$125 each, from Vampt Vintage Design, (02) 9699 1089, www.vamptvintagedesign.com.



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THINGS TO SOURCE...

↑ **COLOUR PALETTE** Melanie's home features a mix of both warm and understated colours. The organic neutrals and the cool shades (as seen in the dining chairs or glass decanters) work in harmony with the flushed pink of the cushions and the earthy tones of the upholstery, artwork and accessories. (Above, from left) Eggshell Acrylic in **Carmen, Gelati, Napoleon, Grigio** and **Ashen**, from \$39.90-\$45.30 per 1L each, from Porter's Paints, 1800 656 664, www.porterspains.com.

↓ **MID-CENTURY DINING** An American mid-century classic, the 'Executive' chair by Eero Saarinen is used by Melanie at the dining table. This striking design, with its sculptural back, was first released in 1949 by Knoll and later won an Industrial Design award from New York's Museum of Modern Art. The chair is still available today. (Below left) Knoll 'Executive' chair without arms and with chromed metal legs by Eero Saarinen, from \$2288, from De De Ce, (02) 9360 2722, www.dedece.com.au.

↓ BUTTON-BACK ARMCHAIRS

With a generously proportioned curved back and cushy fit, this armchair is just the spot for a comfy read. The button detailing adds a handcrafted feel and old-style charm. (Below right) 'Montparnasse' occasional chair, \$2455, from Coco Republic, call 1300 785 039 or visit www.cocorepublic.com.au.



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- 1. Fontana Arte 'Pudding' pendant light, \$1456, from Gineico, (02) 9690 1522.
- 2. Gras 'Model 214' wall light, \$799, from Spence & Lyda, (02) 9212 6747.
- 3. 'Malta' dining table, from \$2295, from Coco Republic, 1300 785 039.

Raw edge

To prevent the cottage look from becoming too twee, Melanie has added a little rusticity in the form of some semi-industrial items – a wall lamp, a dining table and barstools. They balance well with the colourful and decorative elements in the house.

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INDUSTRIAL BARSTOOLS

- 1. Tolix barstool in a galvanised finish, from \$478 (65cm), from Thonet, 1800 800 777, www.thonet.com.au.
- 2. Indian painted-steel barstool, \$220, from Home Furniture On Consignment, (02) 8338 8000, www.hfoc.com.au.
- 3. 'Dalfred' barstool by Sarah Fager, \$55, from Ikea, (02) 8002 0400, www.ikea.com.au.



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indian treasures

The ornate detailing of Melanie's daybed would work well with vibrant Indian-fabric cushions, which combine bright colours with exquisite materials. On a similar theme, artefacts from the region, such as painted wooden animals, would add an exotic touch to a room. (Left) Vintage single-sided Swati pillow (on top) \$575; Sindhi Kantha hand-stitched cushion, \$120; hand-painted wooden animal toy, from \$150; brass tealight holder, \$50, all from Ruby Star Traders, call (02) 9518 7899 or visit www.rubystar.com.

