

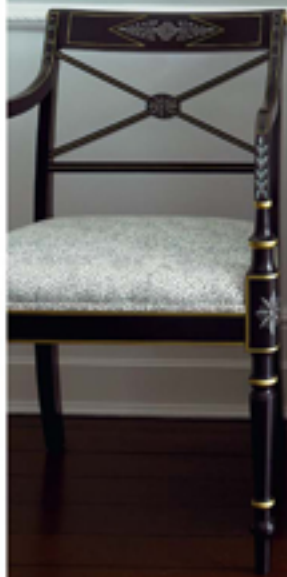
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From the natural world to Manhattan – Australian interior designers today take their cues from widely diverse worlds. Adept in the art of mix and match, they deftly layer colours, shapes and textures into a brilliantly unified whole.

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Greg Natale brings New York glamour and sparkle to central Sydney. See Art Decor, page 96.



ART DECOR

Greg Natale delivers the glamour of New York's Upper East Side to central Sydney.

GREG NATALE The principal of Greg Natale Design was named Interior Designer of the Year at the 2011 Belle Coco Republic Interior Design Awards and, just recently, he blew out the candles on the company's 10th birthday cake. "Perhaps I fall between a decorator and designer," says Greg. "A designer can get caught up in the detail and forget the romance, which a decorator can be particularly good at." His work also has a retro element, together with a strong use of colour and pattern.

THE BRIEF A professional couple set out to return this three-bedroom Art Deco apartment in the Sydney CBD, which had been renovated in the 60s, to its former glory. Details such as dado rails, picture rails, cornices and architraves were restored. But the owners also wanted to avoid it becoming "sweet or nostalgic," says Greg. "The apartment was to have an Upper East Side feel to it, sophisticated and tailored. But there's also a quirky, playful element, which gives it an edge, so the apartment does not take itself too seriously."

INSPIRATION Greg says he was influenced by New York interior designers Dorothy Draper & Company, US company Kindel Furniture and also his client. "It's Fifth Avenue, sophisticated and elegant, with a soft, feminine touch, which my client added," he says. "The Kindel pieces, the curtain trims, they are her."

PALETTE The walls, in Dulux 'Spanish Olive' above the dado and Dulux 'Lexicon' quarter strength below, are in striking contrast to the custom-mixed stain on the floorboards. Black and gold add an edge. "We use clean colours, no beige or linens - people don't come to us for that," says Greg.

STYLE NOTES "Cool" elements in the living room, such as the gilt-ram's head coffee table, the armchair covered in Kelly Wearstler 'Flair' fabric and the flos ceramics give it that "edge," says Greg. "Retro elements scattered around the apartment make it quirky, while the cut-crystal chandeliers are an homage to the original building."

DESIGN DETAILS

THIS PAGE The classic Minotti sofa also featured in the owners' last apartment. Hickory Chair Company 'Park Avenue' bergere from Laura Kincaid, covered in Kelly Wearstler 'Flair' fabric. Lamp and bowl from Becker Minty. Dog painting by Tim Storrier. Smaller artwork from Edie Greg Natale rug from Designer Rugs. **OPPOSITE PAGE, LEFT** Kindel Furniture bar cabinet imported from the US. Sputnik decorative object from Jason Mowen. Artwork by Aida Tomescu. **RIGHT** Dorothy Draper chest from Palm Beach Antique and Design Center, Florida. Mirror from Laura Kincaid. Dining chairs from Casa Mia. Chandeliers from 'Special Lights'. **BOTTOM** Starburst mirror from Laura Kincaid. Regency chair from Kindel Furniture. Cabinet designed by Greg Natale. Ettore Sottsass ceramic from Hub Furniture. Urn from Becker Minty.



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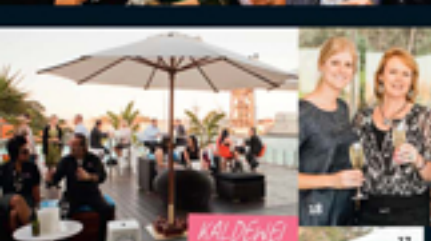


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