



# LONDON CALLING

NATALIE MANNING'S TERRACE HAS THE THREE Cs OF BRITISH STYLE - CLASSIC, COMFORTABLE, COSY

**WHO** Interior designer *Natalie Manning* (*propertylipstick.com*) and IT specialist husband *Michael Tatas* **WHERE** Eastern suburbs, Sydney **WHAT** Compact Paddock terrace with English country-manor accents

My husband and I moved into this home when we first lived together seven years ago. I was just back in Australia after a six-year stint in London.

I love the English style aesthetic, and here I could unleash all the style tips I'd picked up in the UK, as well as the crates full of furnishings, crockery and knick-knacks I'd picked up at London's Alfies Antique Market and the Malvern furniture fair in Worcestershire. I fell in love with the ornate ceilings and

fireplaces; the courtyard garden, while tiny, is a favourite, too. We entertain quite a bit - Michael cooks while I spend the day laying the table. If we're eating outside, I get out all my favourite table linen and vintage Wedgwood crockery and hang jars with tea-lights, which creates a magical atmosphere.

I like to feel cosseted in my home. I'm a classic homebody. In a compact two-bedder, space is at an absolute premium, but I love having all my favourite things around me. It's cosy, that's for sure! I'd describe my style as chic comfort. It's cohesive without being matchy-matchy.

Most of my furniture is custom-made. I steer clients towards custom



furnishings, too, if they want a piece that's unique and built to specific requirements. I love the deep-set English-style sofas, so I had ours made by a trade upholsterer, along with oversized cushions.

Our time in this home is coming to an end – we're moving to a larger terrace in Redfern later in the year. The new place has the feel of this space so, while I'll be sad to leave, I'm looking forward to evolving what I've achieved here on a blank canvas. But I'll definitely miss this gem.



#### STYLE-STEAL

**DOMAYNE** brass floor lamp, \$229, domayne.com.au

**TWO CATS ANTIQUE PRINTS** antique lithograph, \$16.51, etsy.com

**WHEEL & BARROW** porcelain batter bowl (26cm), \$19.95, wheelandbarrow.com.au

**COCO REPUBLIC** dining chair, \$785, cocorepublic.com.au

## I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT...



**CUSHIONS** The bigger, the better! I love oversize cushions. There's a bit of plumping involved, but I don't mind.



**PERFUME** Mum and I both have a passion for Annick Goutal fragrances. We went to the Paris store for her 50th birthday.



**ARTWORK** My mum gave me this piece by Sydney artist Gria Shead. The rich pink contrasts with the house's neutral look.