

THE SOURCE



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Aladdin's cave

It's easy to disappear for hours searching the affordable, global, handmade items on online marketplace Etsy. There's so much in the way of fashion, jewellery and home accessories, including artwork, such as the dreamy, nostalgic pieces from Portland-based artist Lisa Golightly. Her work revolves around childhood recollections and the collective memories we share through imagery and snapshots.

Bottom line *Girl in the Yellow Suit* 40 cm x 40 cm print (pictured), \$24. Through *Etsystore Kiki and Polly*, kikiandpolly.etsy.com.



Asian inspiration

By incorporating the traditional Asian koi fish-scale shape with an innovative welded structure, London-based furniture and lighting brand Innermost brings us the aptly named koi chair. Designed by Singaporean Jarrod Lim, the geometric fish-scale pattern is not only decorative but also acts as the strength of the chair. The back is handmade from steel, then powder coated in a black finish, while the seat is made from recycled teak wood.

Bottom line Koi chair by Innermost, \$1769. *ECC Lighting and Furniture*, 17 Thurlow Street, East Redfern, 9380 7922, ecc.com.au.

Desk mate

The Birdie letter opener is referred to as a "paper knife" by its Japanese creator, Yohei Oki, who specialises in designing household items for minimalist design company Plus-d. Doubling as a tiny piece of desk sculpture, it adds a little joy to opening bills and letters. When it sits on a desk, the finely balanced letter opener rocks and spins gently if touched, while the tail is a device to neatly open mail.

Bottom line Birdie letter opener, \$20. *Pigeonhole*, pigeonhole.com.



Dream weaves

New Beach Road offers a limited collection of bespoke homewares with an understated elegance that matches the sophisticated style of Sydney's harbourside suburbs. Its new oversize, handmade, super-chunky throw is made from 100 per cent merino wool and is the perfect, luxurious accessory to snuggle up in on chilly winter nights.

Bottom line Nantucket throw in ivory, light grey, medium grey, variegated charcoal, oatmeal, black and red, \$995. *New Beach Road*, newbeachroad.com.



Beyond the pale

Designed by illustrator Aino-Maija Metsola, the "weather diary" collection is part of a new range from Finnish company Marimekko. The plates, bowls, mugs and teapots, created by ceramicist Sami Ruotsalainen, are printed with beautiful watercolours, reflecting the seasonal weather patterns in Finland, including the rolling heavy rain clouds on the Jussaro (an island in southern Finland), gentle drizzle on the Harmaja (an island outside Helsinki) and the cool winds on the Kuuskajaskari (an island in south-west Finland). This new addition to the company's graphic patterns and simple styles is available here mid-August.

Bottom line Salaattivati plate, \$125. *Marimekko*, 66 King Street, city, 9299 0372, marimekko.com.



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Spirited wonderland Quirky, delightful emporium Holy Kitsch is a treasure trove of colourful, fascinating wares from Mexico, plus other destinations owners Noni Daniels and Phillip Masters wander. Items include hand-crafted sugar skulls (think Day of the Dead), hand-painted mirrors, embroidered cushions and strings of hand-cut Mexican banners and bunting. *Holy Kitsch*, 4 Enmore Road, Newtown, 8065 4541, and 321 Crown Street, Surry Hills, 8068 2437, holykitsch.com.au.

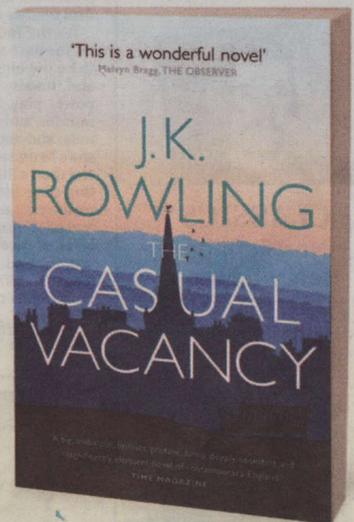
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