

Cabin FEVER

Bring a timeless feel to any room with charming, rustic-style furniture and accessories.



Create a charming rustic-style look with this Beechworth dining suite. Featuring detailed timber grain with dark knots and pits in rustic dark brown, the table is \$499 and dining chairs \$169 each from Recollections and Early Settler stores nationally.

As our lives become more rushed, the latest trend is to turn back to traditional styles that focus on creating a warm, welcoming atmosphere for both family and friends. It's not a surprise then, rustic style is again becoming popular – think cosy hunting lodges, fireplaces, and soft leather lounges, but with all the comfort and elegance of modern design. Whether you live in the country or the city, this look can be adapted to any home big or small and is ideal for those who enjoy picking up favourite pieces over time, as well as those on a tight budget who like to recycle and reuse.

BACK TO NATURE

There are plenty of ways you can create your own rustic retreat at home. Start with the colour scheme – here is the perfect excuse to introduce your favourite earthy hues such as deep red, forest green,

sandy yellow and terracotta, as well as neutral shades of white, stone, cream and taupe. Pair with carpet or tiles in natural tones and painted or unpolished floorboards. Walls can be kept neutral too, though a feature wall in a rich colour makes a welcome addition to any room.

Natural materials such as timber, rattan and stone are essential to this look so keep this in mind when shopping for pieces to suit this style. If you're keen to create a more formal feel, antique or reproduction furniture in solid timber will bring an elegant yet simple look, while distressed finish pieces are perfect for a vintage feel and wicker adds a casual touch. For best results, mix rustic touches with modern details, such as a farmhouse-style dining table with fresh-white table linen or bench seating with a modern table.

To keep everything neat and tidy, a classic buffet and hutch can be used to display knick-knacks, while wooden trunks and armoires can



Nature-inspired cushions and furry throws bring the feel of a hunting lodge to this elegant living room. Pictured are the Illie cushion in ivory, Penelope cushion in midnight, Steel cushion in midnight, Zulu throw rug in tan, World cushion in olive and Zulu cushion in tan, all from Rapee.

An elegant wrought-iron pendant light adds the right touch to a rustic-style room. This three-light Ashley pendant is \$429 at Mercator Lighting.

A leather armchair is a must-have for a rustic look, and this Lincoln chair from Laura Ashley is ideal for creating a cosy reading nook.

Personal touches will make any room feel like 'home sweet home'. We found these wall plaques at Bendigo Trailers and Hardware Gift & Home for just \$4.95 each.

