



We love Laura Ashley's vibrant new Hot House Flowers Collection, which features bold colours and classic designs taken from Scandinavian style.



Baskets and hampers are a traditional way of storing homewares and accessories in Scandinavian homes. We found these smart, rattan chests with leather straps at Citta Design, priced from \$139.



Elegant dining chairs are a must-have for a classic Scandinavian-inspired look. This Cole side chair in linen is \$129 from Recollections and Early Settler stores nationally.



Write colour in northern European interior design and we have a blue bedroom by Vanessa Arbuthnott, which features a wall covering in Duck Egg, Plain Dotty bedhead in Duck Egg and cushions.

An iron day bed or Louis-style chairs are also a good choice, especially when upholstered in either natural hues or bright shades.

The Scandinavians also like to blend modern pieces with antique and vintage finds, such as a crisp-white table teamed with timber chairs painted in faded shades of red, yellow and blue and covered with comfortable padded seat cushions.

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With its clear, snowy landscapes, a pale colour palette of white, ice blue, taupe and grey is ideal for creating a cool wintery appeal. You can also add a burst of colour with accessories in black or grey and accents in muted shades of brown, stone, red, pink, green and orange. Fabric-wise, faded florals, stripes and checks are perfect for cushions, quilts and curtains – a cosy throw or colourful striped rug is the ideal way to warm up any room; keep curtains light and floaty with sheer materials as the Scandinavians love their natural light.

When it's dark outside, a simple pendant light, wall sconce or floor lamp will help to cast a relaxed glow. Why not pair floor and table lamps in different styles and shapes together for an eclectic touch? A stylish array of black and white prints or colourful artworks will also hit the right note style-wise. Keep spaces free of clutter by displaying these and other accessories on walls and open shelving, and hiding things away in baskets and hampers.

Finish with fresh flowers for a pretty touch and your beautiful Scandi-Chic look is complete! ■



New to the Snooze range is the Monte Carlo, a gorgeous four-poster bed available in clear-lacquered Tasmanian Oak or high-gloss white finish (pictured); perfect for a Nordic-inspired bedroom. Also available in king single, double, queen and king sizes – priced at \$1499 for the queen bed.



Beautiful cushions and throws in soft shades of blue add the perfect finishing touch to a relaxed, Scandinavian-style sofa. All pieces pictured here are available from Rapee.

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Add a burst of colour to any room with this zesty Samantha lamp base and Hortense shade from Laura Ashley.



Cosy up in style thanks to Equator Homewares' classic Nora armchair, \$1495.