

Lisa Ewart and
Kellie Brooks
at Mobilia. Picture:
Robert Duncan



Jo Carmichael at Old Values. Picture: Robert Duncan

TRADE SECRETS

Some of Perth's top style and design gurus share their knowledge about how to create an amazing abode – from where they go to find that one-of-a-kind piece, to their favourite labels and suppliers. KATIE LEE reports.

THE INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Lisa Ewart and Kellie Brooks, Collected Interiors

- **Favourite local store:** Lisa – Remedy, Leederville. It stocks a range of well-designed non-mass-produced products and supports local creatives; Kellie – Squarepeg Home in Fremantle's Blinco Street art precinct. I love its collection of mid-century Danish furniture from renowned designers. It's the place to head if you are looking for one-off pieces.
- **WA's best kept shopping secret:** Lisa – all the local antique/vintage stores. You can pick up the best one-off pieces; quite often it is the vintage rug or antique chandelier that gives the room character. I love King William Antiques in Bayswater and Revival Hill in Osborne Park.
- **Online inspiration:** Lisa – Share Design (sharedesign.com) is a fab online resource for home, interiors and design inspiration. I also love The Design Files blog (thedesignfiles.net) because it is filled with real Australian homes, and Design to Inspire (designtoinspire.net); Kellie – Canary Home (canaryhome.com.au), recently started by two Melbourne girls living in Perth. They have sourced vintage treasures, Scandinavian pieces and the work of local artists.
- **Where I shop for furniture:** Lisa – Mobilia, Claremont, for custom-designed dining tables and chairs and Arthur G, also in Claremont, for custom sofas, chairs and ottomans. Collected Interiors, 0404 063 068, collectedinteriors.com.au.

THE STYLIST

Jo Carmichael, Texture. Tone. Design. by Jo Carmichael

- **Favourite local store:** Corner Store in Fremantle as there's always something intriguing or quirky in there. Bower in Swanbourne; it's just a texture overload and I often send clients there for an accessory shop. I love popping into Post Irvine in East Fremantle as it's always being moved around and styled for new pieces.
- **A label I love:** My favourite local label is Eucalypt Homewares by Melanie Sharpham. She does the most beautiful useable ceramics. She's working on new prints so I'm getting excited that my favourite green and yellow may be made. I also like Jenny Jones Rugs; I styled a feature for her recently and was inspired by her vision and her new creation of more affordable rugs.
- **Where I go to find special pieces:** I often have to hunt for vintage pieces and objects and my favourite haunts are Curios, Guildford, and Hunters and Collectors, Mosman Park – it just has the most amazing sourced pieces. They are well restored and each piece has a story to it. Then there is Old Values, East Fremantle, for small collectables. There's always something different every time I visit. Another favourite is Melville markets on a Sunday but you must go early for the best finds.

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THE LANDSCAPE DESIGNER

Tim Davies, Tim Davies Landscaping

- **Supplier I couldn't live without:** Watergarden Warehouse (in Osborne Park). Owners Matt and Anna (Stafford) bring in a great range of outdoor ornamentation with vast industry and water feature knowledge to back it up. And for garden sculptures, the team at Artsource can help you find the right artist and piece for your space.
- **WA's best-kept shopping secret:** Salvage yards. If you're looking for industrial chic, head to Brajkovich Demolition & Salvage in Upper Swan.
- **Online inspiration:** Contemporist (contemporist.com). If you have a love of all things contemporary, this is the site to visit because it focuses on architecture, design, art and travel. When you subscribe to its newsletter, these amazing projects are dropped into your inbox every morning about 8.30 – a great way to get the creativity kick-started for the day.

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THE KITCHEN AND BATHROOM DESIGNER

Denny McCrisken, Retreat Design

- **Where I shop for fittings and fixtures:** We source our bathroom accessories from a manufacturer in Italy called Bertocci (bertocci.it). It provides us with beautiful fittings in chrome brass and ceramic, which complement our designs.
- **Where I shop for tiles:** Ceramo, Osborne Park. It has a broad selection of finishes but I'm most

impressed with its range of Spanish tiles from Porcelanosa.

- **A label I love:** Effeti Cucina (effeti.com), which is based in Florence, Italy, for pure quality and style. We source cabinetry, benchtops, sinks and more for our premium kitchens. The designs from Effeti are by renowned designer John Carlo Vegni and are a stand-out in kitchen development. Also, the Rifra brand (rifra.com) offers a big range of contemporary-designed cabinetry made with all of the latest technology and materials, including recycled paper, cement, glass and steel.

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retreatdesign.com.au.

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Denny McCrisken at Ceramo.
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Tim Davies at Watergarden Warehouse. Picture: Iain Gillespie

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