

Insider secrets

With a few clever changes, an interior decorator gave this Pretoria home a thoroughly contemporary interior.

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A professional interior decorator sees your home from a different perspective and identifies simple solutions to problems. So when Herman and Michelle Rademan of Pretoria approached her for help, interior decorator Lise van Rensburg (right) changed more than just the curtains and scatters. With an astute use of a neutral colour scheme and textures, Lise subtly introduced a more contemporary feel.

We take a look at seven changes she made to create a restful, rustic look with a dash of French flair.

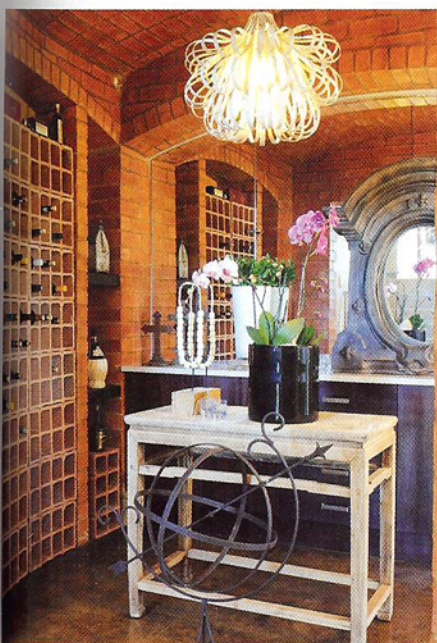
2 Naturally bright

A second foyer with its large wine rack was dark, without any focal point whatsoever. So mirrors were applied to the rear wall to reflect the natural light. An informal table and a striking pendant lamp in the middle of the room now provide a playful focal point.



1 A welcoming entrance

Before, the formal entrance created no impression of what awaited guests in the rest of the house. Now, the old console table has been painted white, with the focal point of a large round mirror breaking the linear formality of the room. A rug was also introduced to create a warm, welcoming feel and this, along with other elements such as rough, untreated wood, iron and glass, gives a foretaste of the textures that dominate throughout the house.

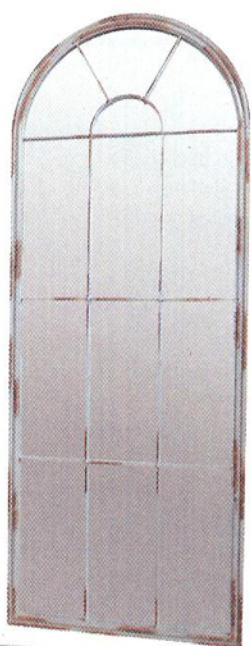


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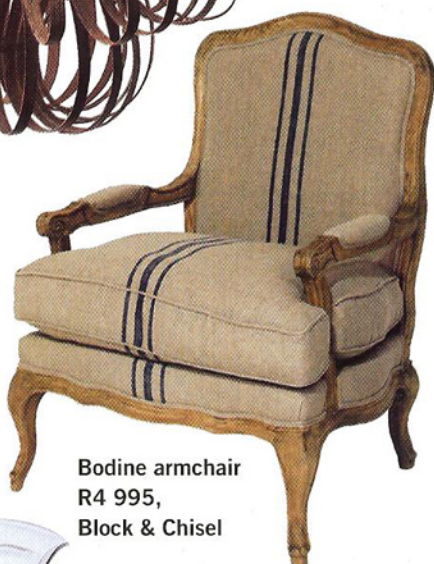
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