

Cool change for **WINTER TRENDS**

WITH THE CHANGE OF SEASON COMES SOME EXCITING NEW TRENDS FOR YOUR HOME. INTERIORS STYLIST LAUREN KEENAN TALKS US THROUGH THE LATEST LOOKS FOR THE COOLER MONTHS AND EXPLAINS HOW YOU CAN GET THE LOOK IN YOUR HOME.



'Reach out and touch me' seems to be the message from these warm and natural pieces from Zakkia. Shown here: plant hanger with black leather straps, \$79; dot white vase, \$29; pink clay mug \$22; lidded speckle container in white, \$69; good morning candle, \$55; pink clay bowl, \$19; grey raw bowl, \$29. www.zakkia.com.au

There's a real change in the air when it comes to winter trends this year. Say goodbye to anything too slick, geometric... and unfortunately, copper. Winter 2016 is all about a more natural and luxe aesthetic, with soft colours and imperfect finishes.

You can breathe a sigh of relief though as there are a few trends you know and love that are still going strong. Expect to see a lot more of marble, concrete and Scandi-style. Phew! That means you don't need to replace everything, just make a few tweaks here and there to create an on-trend home.

COLOUR

This winter you'll be seeing a lot more navy blue. It hasn't completely replaced grey as the go-to hue for winter, but it's a great choice for a softer, more romantic look. Navy also pairs beautifully with winter's other new favourites colours including lavender, dark green, taupe and milky whites. The overall look is very calm and soft, with a luxurious edge.

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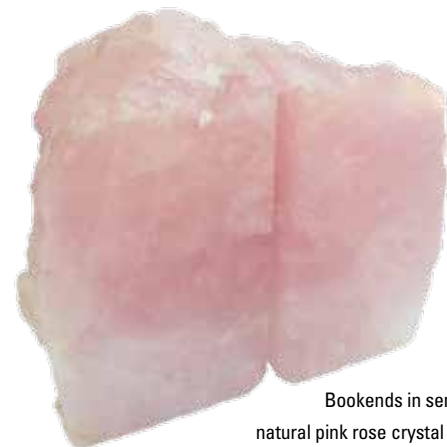
Cushions and throws are an easy and affordable way to incorporate this new colour palette into your home. And they'll also give your sofa a new lease on life! Keep the look natural and luxurious by choosing items with a variety of textures like chunky knits and soft linen.

CERAMICS

Vases, dishes and tableware. Rustic-style ceramics are a really hot trend this winter! The style is more earthy and handmade-looking than we've seen before, with speckled and mottled finishes and imperfect edges. It's the perfect mix of casual and luxe. This look is here to stay for some time and you'll see it popping up in homewares shops everywhere this winter.

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You can inject touches of this trend through a new vase on your sideboard, a bowl for your coffee table, or go all the way with a new dinner set in this rustic-meets-contemporary style. Look out for items in lilac, pale pink and soft taupe.



Bookends in semi-precious natural pink rose crystal quartz from Rock Ribbons are 12cm high and weigh approximately 2kg, \$185. www.rockribbonscogifts.com



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METALLICS

Metallics are a mainstay of home decor and it's safe to say that brass has definitely stolen copper's mantle as the favourite metallic hue this winter. But unlike previous seasons where we've seen quite shiny brass tones, this winter it is all about a softer, antique matt finish. This new brass finish works perfectly with winter's 'it' colour, navy and textured fabrics and finishes.

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Decor accessories are the best and easiest way to incorporate some brass touches in your space. Look out for interesting little trinkets on your travels. You might even find the perfect piece in your local secondhand store. Also, brass cutlery makes a great addition to your tabletop, while a brass-legged side table would make a fabulous investment piece.



Ferm Living salad servers from Norsu Interiors in solid brass with a matt finish, 6x30cm. Dishwasher safe, but hand-washing recommended, \$79. www.norsu.com.au

STONES AND CRYSTALS

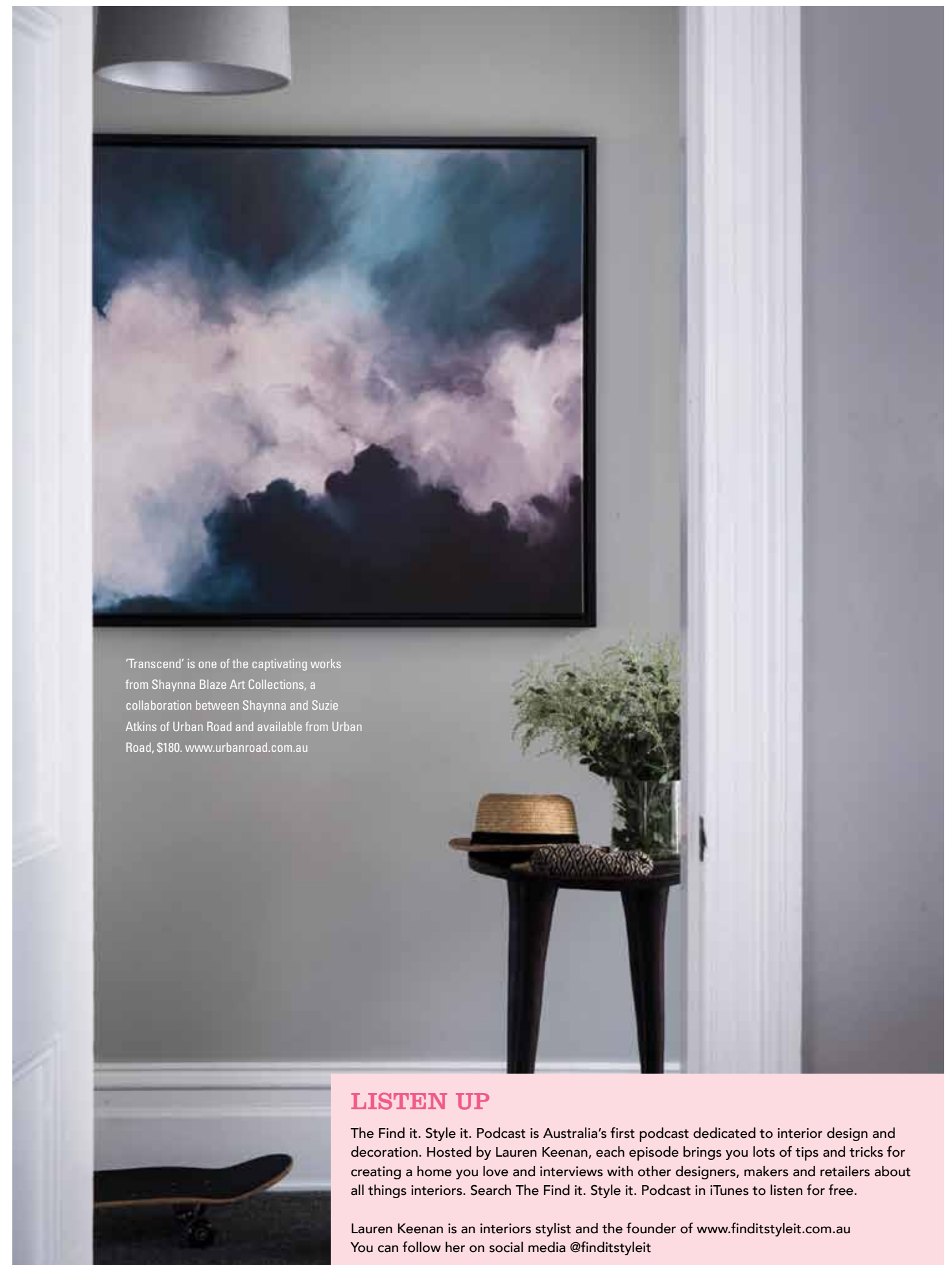
It's time to embrace your new-age side! Stones and crystals are the latest nature-inspired design trend to hit the stores. Whether you go for actual crystals or stone-inspired homewares and decor, these goodies will create a very calm and peaceful atmosphere in your home. Look out for pieces in soft on-trend colours like pale pink, lavender and beige.

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Genuine crystals look lovely as part of a vignette (with some brass accessories!) on your coffee table or bedside. If you're not quite ready to embrace your inner god or goddess with a real crystal, keep your eye out for artworks featuring stones, sediments, glaciers and other nature-inspired subjects.



Amalfi Astor marble table, 41x45cm, in gold-look iron with green marble top, \$269.95. www.amalfihomewares.com.au



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