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KITCHEN BONUS: CUTTING-EDGE BENCHES • OVENS & COOKTOPS

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Table manners. Sonja designed this dining space to be comfortably contemporary while still reflecting the classic style of the home's Victorian facade. Chair legs were stained to match the sash floor.

look, mixed with soft biscuit, aubergine and deep chocolate.

Your preferred window treatment? Clean, modern blinds, especially translucent, for natural light and a diffused view.

Best flooring? Solid timber flooring is natural and beautiful. For the budget-conscious, coloured concrete with exposed aggregates (stone chips) to give a terrazzo look – softened with plush rugs you can sink your toes into.

With an unlimited budget, where would you start spending? On a focus piece, like a woven silk rug or a great piece of quality design furniture.

With a tight budget, where would you splurge? One special feature, maybe a small piece of furniture with a large personality or a large hand-blown glass vase, lit by a pendant or downlight to draw attention to it.

Your best space-saving solution? Cube seats stored under a coffee table. They provide excellent flexibility when guests stop by – and children love them.

Your favourite fabrics right now? Textured fabrics combined with smooth silky blends for a wonderful feeling of luxury and

comfort. We love Roylston House's Boulevard range of richly coloured and textured cherries. Add some faux fur for a bit of fun, maybe as a throw on a leather lounge.

Essential textures and surfaces? Treat one wall of the space differently, perhaps with a textured paint finish, a different colour or a large fabric hanging.

Your preferred lighting? Recessed downlights in the new square fittings for living and resting areas. For stairs, small square downlights low on the wall next to every tread give practical and sensational night lighting. For the bedroom, try a feature pendant or modern chandelier.

Blown glass vase, \$285, Opow & Blake Woollabra

Le Corbusier chaise lounge in cowhide and leather, \$6150, Space Furniture
For where to buy, see page 177

For a touch of the light fantasy, an Aura glass suspension light, \$5500, Mondo Luce

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