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A recently bought semi undergoes an amazing transformation – in just one day!

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A couple reveal how they designed and built their dream home – on time and on budget

To the rescue

The owners of this Bondi home were visited by winner of *homeMADE*, Jason Sullivan, who decorated their house in just one day. Turn the page to see his great makeover. →

Dome **floor light** in Matt Black, \$249, Freedom. Metal **stool**, \$180, and hide **cushion** (on sofa, at right), \$220, Home Furniture On Consignment. Uki **sofa** in Biarritz velvet, \$4912, Stonewash **cushion** (at left), \$213, and cowhide/linen **cushion** (centre), \$233, Orson & Blake. For other **items**, see over.

AFTER: stylish space

Framed vintage **poster**, \$650, Home Furniture On Consignment. Scandi **buffet**, \$1680, cowhide **ottoman**, \$1350, and blonde wood Tamarind **stool**, \$850, Orson & Blake. Congo **rug**, \$799, Freedom. Ljuvlig **plate** in Dark Yellow (on stool), \$3.99, Ikea. **ON BUFFET FROM LEFT Orchid in pot**, \$90, Garlands. **Books** from second-hand bookstore. Royal Copenhagen **plate**, \$175, small pottery **vase**, \$95, and large pottery **vase**, \$275, Home Furniture On Consignment. Collection **vase** (behind leaf), \$99, Country Road. →



cool 'n' comfy stools & handy tables in one!

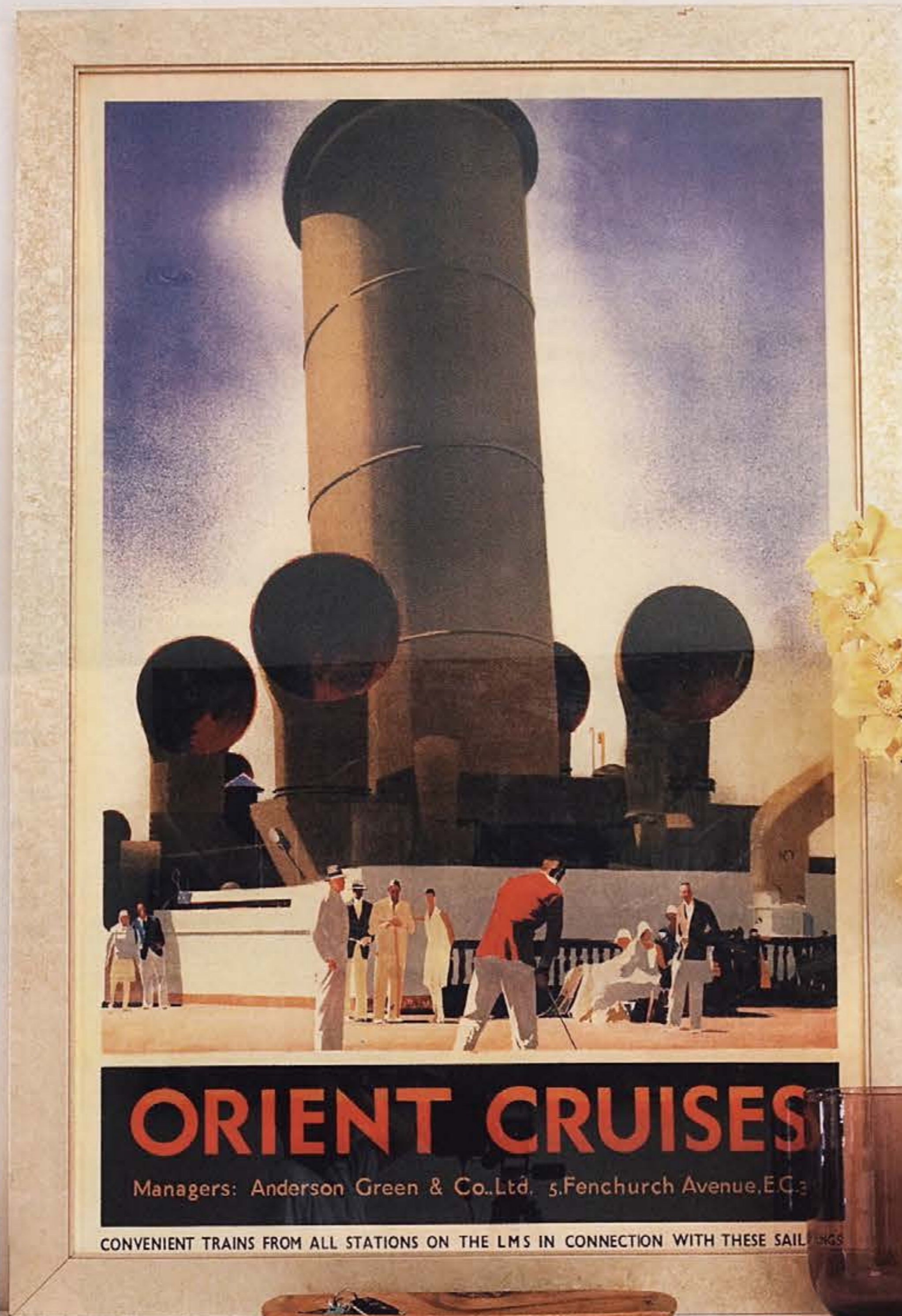
AFTER: retro room

Kate and Andrew's original John Lee Hooker **canvas** and Ikea **sideboard**. American Oak **dining table** (F6167), \$2100, and **chairs** (F6172), \$445 each, and cowhide **rug** in Gold/Orange, \$1800, Orson & Blake. *Untitled oil painting* by Stephen Gill (on left wall), \$3500, Home Furniture On Consignment. **ON TABLE** Kent timber **bowl** in Walnut, \$99, and Amari large **platter** in White, \$49.95, Country Road. **ON SIDEBOARD** Collection of glass **bottles** in Amber, from \$4 each, Garlands. Table **lamp**, \$480, Danish pottery **plate**, \$65, and **vase** in Amber, \$45, Home Furniture On Consignment.



AFTER: funky display

Vintage **sideboard**, \$1800, framed vintage **poster**, \$550, collection of **vases** in Amber and Purple, from \$45 each, Royal Copenhagen **vases**, from \$125 each, and German pottery **vessel**, \$95, Home Furniture On Consignment. Acacia timber **tray** (centre), \$29, and Corso **vase** in White (at far right), \$34.95, Freedom.



AFTER: serene space
 Linen **curtains** in Natural, \$36.95 each, Dali **sheers** in White, \$8.95 each, and Femme **table lamp** in White, \$129, Freedom. Grimen **bed frame**, \$749, Ikea. Linen **bed cover** in Natural, \$229, and cowhide **cushions**, \$149 each, Country Road. Scandi **bedside tables** in Oak, \$540 each, Orson & Blake. *Untitled oil painting* by Stephen Gill, \$950, Home Furniture On Consignment. For stockists, see page 191.



BEFORE... (above) The very white and bare master bedroom was in desperate need of a colour injection. **... & AFTER (left)** Layers of texture and a mix of tones adds much-needed warmth and personality. "I chose the artwork to add colour, texture and once again to follow the colour theme used in the rest of the house," Jason says.

BEDROOM **sanctuary**

Before The couple's bedroom was very functional but it was lacking visual variety and warmth. They had a king-size bed, large white wardrobes and lots of cupboards with drawers. The decor in the room was all-white too, but without layers and texture it didn't feel an inviting space to relax. "I found the main problem was that it was white, white, white and lacking in any personality," Jason says.

After "To give the room a more luxurious look and to add texture I used linen curtains and sheers," Jason explains. "I chose the grey fabric-covered bed base because it looked warm and inviting and it was kind of reminiscent of the old water beds, even though this one does have a mattress." To add contrast, Jason replaced a white chest of drawers with a blonde wood sideboard. The bedside tables were also replaced with ones that had a few more design details, and a vintage-looking artwork was added for colour. ①



timeline of transformation |

homeMade winner Jason Sullivan (left) created a completely new look for this home – and in record time. Here's how he did it.

- ① **Perfect planning** Jason made two site visits to Kate and Andrew's. While he had seen photos of the house, and so understood a little of Kate's style and decorating concerns, he needed to see the proportions of the rooms, current furniture placement, and understand light and privacy issues.
- ② **Smart sourcing** Jason headed to shops that could give not only retro touches, but also add to the worldly appeal of the space. With an eye to finding eclectic buys in double-quick time, he went to Home Furniture On Consignment, Freedom Furniture, Ikea, Country Road and Orson & Blake.
- ③ **Magic makeover** In just one day all the furniture that wasn't working in the house was removed, new pieces were brought in and were layers added to give the home a lived-in feel. It's amazing what books, vases and flowers can do!