



## PERSONALISING YOUR SPACE

### PROPERTY GURU AND CITY DWELLER MAGAZINE COLUMNIST CHRISTINE YORATH TALKS ALL THINGS FURNISHING



Whether you own or rent your home you can personalise your space with a few wonderful accent items.

For home owners once you buy a property you're probably in it for the long haul of furnishing and improving and collecting but for tenants who are living with their landlord's taste in furniture it can be more of a struggle to identify with the surroundings and a few well chosen pieces might make all the difference.

I have lived in my current home since 1984 and the thought of ever moving is daunting because over the years I have bought items that have become the story of my life and I feel quite attached to them.... I have had the same bedroom settee in several guises (flowered, leopardskin, plain caramel and now black fur) because its so incredibly comfortable I don't want to replace it.

I had a wooden carving a great uncle brought back from Cyprus in the 1940's made in to a lamp and when I viewed a large property in Leamington I didn't buy the property but negotiated on the carved and gilded pelmet I noticed laying on the floor. I have bought furniture on travels in Thailand, America and Africa and my pictures include ones from Russia and Spain and purchases range from

junk shops to designers like Julian Chichester.

Finding something a bit different in the retail market is now so easy with the internet and here are a few pieces I would try to make house room for.

When I am furnishing a whole home for a client I am more than happy to incorporate some favoured or treasured items the client already has and sometimes the use of a beautiful antique piece in a contemporary interior makes a stunning statement.

For people who are renting a home it can be especially satisfying knowing the purchase is something that has a longer journey ahead and may one day become part of a completely different life style.

Happy collecting!

*Till Next Time,  
Christine*

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