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STYLE GUIDE

The eighth of 12 articles on how to decorate your home in a distinctive style

Stark urban edges and clean-cut trimmings make the urbanite happy

YOU'RE AN URBANITE IF ...

- You love apartment living, with a view over rooftops and the freedom to lock up and go when it suits you.
- You check the time on your smartphone and store your library on your iPad.
- You consider Duraturf a much better option than mowing the lawn.
- You shop at flea markets, auctions, galleries and warehouses for furniture, lights and architectural artefacts, and online for everyday items.
- You prefer the glitter of city lights over shimmering stars.
- Your pet is a goldfish.

... BUT BEWARE

Don't take your preoccupation with clean architectural lines and solid surfaces too far because you can easily create a cold space. Avoid this by:

- Introducing potted plants or even trees.
- Investing in lights such as pendant ceiling or standard floor lights fitted with warm globes.
- Installing underfloor heating.
- Keeping strict control to avoid clutter.

Etienne Hanekom, art director and interior planner/designer, is a confirmed urbanite. He recently completed the redesign of Majeka guesthouse in Stellenbosch with its restaurant/bar Makaron. Originally a country boy Etienne has become a convert to city life and rooftop living. He prefers solid surfaces, has a vertical kitchen garden, a potted stoep and braais everything from lamb chops to mealies on the rooftop.



Etienne's trick: Multiply. A single pendant light doesn't command much attention but multiplied it becomes a showstopper. Complement this with simple décor in the rest of the room.



The striking entrance of Makaron restaurant in Stellenbosch. The Gregor Jenkin table is in raw steel and the planholders by Joe Paine. The Lightworld shades are anodised gold.

THE URBANITE'S STYLE SECRETS

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1 INDOOR/OUTDOOR Urbanites love entertaining outdoors – indoor items often are carted outside. So look for items that live indoors but can also survive outside.

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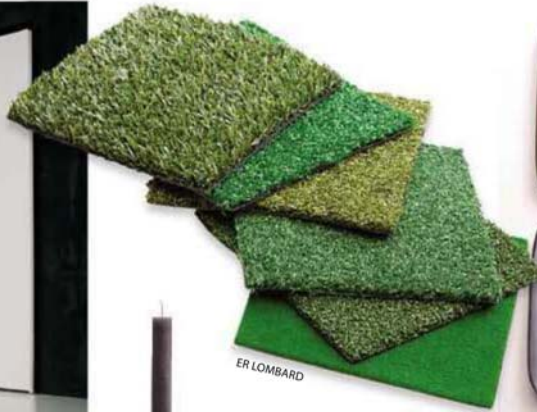
2 CLEAN LINES AND DESIGNS Urbanites appreciate the simplicity of good design and invest in tableware and ornaments with unusual, interesting shapes.

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3 STORAGE Urbanites favour clear, uncluttered spaces and choose storage units that fit their personal style to keep clutter behind closed doors.

Tip Look out for attractive displays in shops and ask the showpwner for the fitter's details.



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4 GRASS THAT LASTS Duraturf has a great selection of grass sold in metres. Visit duraturfsa.co.za for more information.



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5 ON A PLATE Splash out on Mr Price Home's plate bargains, R11,99 each, and then pass them on as gifts when a new batch of arrives on the shelves.



7 GO ONLINE Shopping online is as much fun as a ride on the Gautrain. We love this light blue Weber Smokey Joe portable braai (R850) at yuppiechef.co.za. Not quite geared for online shopping? Then find this irresistible green braai (R350) at @home.

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6 DINE IN STYLE WITH CANDLES Tall twisted aluminium candleholder, R129, @home



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8 COLOURED GLASSES are striking and fun. R11,99 each, Clicks