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Limited-edition Monochrome Chénier necklace by Melanie Katsalidis, \$650, Pieces Of Eight. For stockists, see page 161.



LEFT & ABOVE The calm, clean interior space of the Pieces Of Eight gallery-studio in Melbourne's North Fitzroy lends itself to all manner of innovative pieces from emerging and established artists. **Don't miss...** works by contemporary jewellery designer Sim Luttin, September 16 to October 11, at Pieces Of Eight.

Perfect pieces

Melanie Katsalidis (pictured far left) spent her childhood surrounded by artists, designers and architects, so it's no surprise her love of design arrived early. But it wasn't until a hobby – making jewellery – became a money-maker that she decided to study her art (plus a stint doing business studies), and establish **Pieces Of Eight** – a Melbourne-based gallery-cum-workshop studio that she opened in 2005. "I love the sense of achievement here," Melanie says. "It's really refreshing to look at what Australian and international artists are doing and their modes of expression." Visit piecesofeight.com.au for more info.

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<< **inspired space** We were especially taken by the themed room **Fiona Lynch** (fionalynch.com) created for this year's Decoration + Design trade fair exhibition in Melbourne. A collage of wall treatments layered to look like rocky outcrops? Truly creative!

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TOP TOTES!

Multitasking mums and time-poor shoppers will love the cute, quirky eco-laminated bags from **Rootote** (right). The design inside is inspired by kangaroos (think handy pouches), while the prints on the outside are fabulously funky. The new range of shopping and kids bags is available in six sizes, from \$19. rootote.com.au



rich pickings

For most of us, a journal is an opportunity to let loose with a pencil and sticky tape! That just makes this book all the more inspiring. Here you'll find over 1000 pages of "visual journals" – perfect for those looking to learn new design techniques... or for those who want a sneak-peek into other people's personal mood boards. **1000 Artist Journal Pages** by Dawn DeVries Sokol (\$39.95, quarrybooks.com).

