



HOT PINK COWHIDE and sapphire blue velvet isn't an easy combination to pull off. Pre-makeover, this Art Deco apartment near Sydney Harbour had a decor scheme equivalent to a brown paper bag: cream walls and polyester carpet. Yet it also had high ceilings, large proportions and detailed windows that could carry a big personality. Enter the new owner, Anne-Marie, who wanted more; "I could sense the magnificence of the space when I first saw it," she recalls. "An Art Deco building provides so much opportunity."

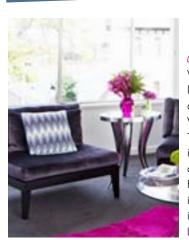
With uptown New York style as her visual reference point and an overflowing folder of tearsheets showcasing modern opulence, Anne-Marie called in Sydney interior designer Victoria Waters.

In the combined living and dining area, the Art Deco elements now set the stage for rich layers of colour and texture. The pink and plum hues were inspired by Anne-Marie's existing art collection, while the shimmering sapphire velvet is a nod to the apartment's harbourside outlook.

The secret to pulling off high-voltage colour, says Victoria, is a monochromatic background. "The combination of dark carpet and white walls makes the other colours really pop," she explains. Victoria dressed a whole wall with practical built-in bookshelves, carrying the original skirting and architrave detailing through to the new joinery to ensure a seamless look.

Now, "It's a lot of fun to live here," says Anne-Marie. "I'm surrounded by colourful pieces that make me smile."





from Ascraft lining the hallway.

colour crush

Victoria chose a backdrop of Dulux White On White and opulent Supertuft 'Escape Velour' wool carpet in Stomp. The flooring's dark colour makes it the perfect base for the pink cowhide. Lounge Designer Furniture 'Ali' armchairs covered in Elliot Clarke 'Brussels' velvet in Plum contribute a soft, luxe-like shimmer.



dining delight A chic 'Tulip' dining table with a white marble top from Glicks and 'Serengeti Halo' dining chairs from Globe West carry the elegant theme through to the dining zone. Here, the monochromatic scheme is revved up with a peek through to the Sandberg 'Elton' wallpaper

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	BUDGET BREAKDOWN	
	Carpet\$1500	
	Furniture \$20,000	
	Joinery\$7000	
	Lighting \$1000	
	Paint and wallpaper\$3000	
	Total cost: \$32,500* Includes labour.	
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