

TOP 50 ROOMS

For 15 years *Australian House & Garden's* Top 50 showcase has been a window into beautifully resolved interiors, revealing the details that lie behind a truly wonderful room – and pegging trends along the way. So what does the 2013 crop bring to the table? Note the continued affair with natural materials – timber, marble and exposed brick in particular – used with ever-greater refinement.

Reflective materials are out in force as well as oversized kitchen islands, pendant lights and decorative rugs too. Aside from the wow factor, useability or liveability is the focus, and the thing that most thrills the lucky owners.

Enjoy the journey.

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Through the roof

4 An attic conversion hits the height of design chic in this grand Victorian house in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs. Architect Luigi Rosselli and interior architect/designer Alexandra Donohoe have transformed lazy roof space into a luxury guest retreat without losing the hideaway charm of the space. "The client wanted us to bring in air and light," says Luigi. "We were also after a feeling of permanence and to emphasise the attic character."

WHY IT WORKS "The sculpted roof profile and window cut-outs make it unpredictable and quirky," says Luigi. Thanks to dormer windows inserted into the roof, light moves around the space throughout the day, changing the mood. Tongue-and-groove cladding on the walls provides extra texture and detail, as do the furnishings. "The Fritz Hansen sofa emulates the line of the ceiling," says Alexandra. "The room is casual yet sophisticated, and fully functional as a guest suite." ➤

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SHOP THE ROOM

- ❖ Jaime Hayon for Fritz Hansen Favn sofa, Cult.
- ❖ Woodnotes rug in Horizon, Anibou.
- ❖ Lean Light floor lamp, Great Dane Furniture.
- ❖ &Tradition Raft NA3 stools, Great Dane Furniture.

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