



The English delight in the idea of the rural idyll and are very good at making warm, inviting interiors filled with flowers and the countryside, even if they are in the middle of the city. In order to achieve this look, imagine being the 'lady of the manor'.

- Select a floral fabric that you love.
- Dark-stained or colonial furniture is quintessentially English.
- For a more country-casual feel, use pine furniture.
- Include touches of stainless steel to keep the look up to date.
- Do not over-stuff or allow things to become cluttered. Always edit displays.
- Place silver framed photos, interesting collections of boxes, books or china on side tables.
- Flowers are always a welcome addition, especially in an English pottery vase.
- Wall pictures can be countryside panoramas or hunting scenes.
- English china plates make an inexpensive alternative and look great when grouped together in like colourings.
- To keep the look from becoming too formal, use rustic pieces and add texture with rugs.

Now all you need to do is make a pot of tea and have a cuppa!

From left to right: Warwick Hortensia fabric drop, 23; Antique Gothic candle holders, \$218, from CC Interiors; coal scuttle, stylist's own; Vegas white shag rug, \$1025, from Bo Concept; cricket table, \$799 from CC Interiors (*on table*) silver plate wine bottle holder with *buxus* plant, \$54, and table lamp in brushed steel finish, \$330, from CC Interiors; teapot, mug and jug all Portmierion, POA, from china stockists nationwide; pewter candle snuffer, \$22, CC Interiors; paper knife, \$98 (part of set), from CC Interiors; footstool and books stylist's own; antique silver and acrylic magnifying glass, \$98 (part of set) CC Interiors; wing chair, from Paradigm Design Trade; fur cushion, stylist's own.

Wall colour: Resene 'Granite Green'.
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