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our best of the best weekday meals + grab-and-go picn

Sew lovely

Beddinge 3-seat **sofa bed** in Ransta Natural, \$265, Doksta **dining table**, \$279, and Vitten wool **rug** (170cm x 240cm), \$299, Ikea. Replica Eames "DAR" **armchairs** with timber legs, \$265 each, Pad Designer Furniture. Dulton 10-drawer **cabinet** in Ivory, \$565, and **doctor's cabinet** in Ivory, \$1395, Pad Designer Furniture. **ON SOFA** Botanica **cushion** in Ochre, \$99, Publisher Textiles. **ON FLOOR** Remnant **fabric rolls**, from \$35 a metre, Publisher Textiles. Vintage **mannequins**, \$380 and \$350, Doug Up On Bourke. **ON TABLE** Tonfisk "Warm" **teapot** in Walnut, \$155, and matching **tray**, \$98, Miljö. **Cupcakes**, \$2 each, The Cupcake Princess. Sienna **mugs**, \$6.95 each, Country Road. Assorted **ribbons**, from \$2.50 a metre, Fitzgerald And Chandler. **ON DRAWER CABINET** Light-up **globe**, \$295, Vampt Retro 'N' Deco (or buy new at mapshop.net.au). **ON WALL** Wooden **letters**, \$15 each, Davidmetnicole.

from sewing room...



guest bedroom FAST!

You don't need to own a bed and breakfast to make holiday guests feel welcome. With some clever furniture and our tips, you can make any space hotel-worthy

FROM WORKROOM TO GUEST SUITE

It's holiday season, which means it's time to clean up your workroom and make it look inviting for any friends and rels who are coming to stay. **Sweet dreams** If, like in this sewing room, you've already invested in a sofa bed, your work is practically done – simply unfold and make! Another great option for small spaces is the inflatable mattress. Modern ones have electric pumps, and you can even get inflatable double or queen ensembles like the ones by AeroBed (aerobed.com.au) and Intex – they're *sooo* comfy and pack up into a carry bag. These ensemble inflatables also don't mean a lot of bending – perfect for elderly guests. **Instant wardrobe** In this sewing room, the mannequins are a readymade wardrobe, but if your workroom is packed with shelves and desks, try clearing a shelf and adding

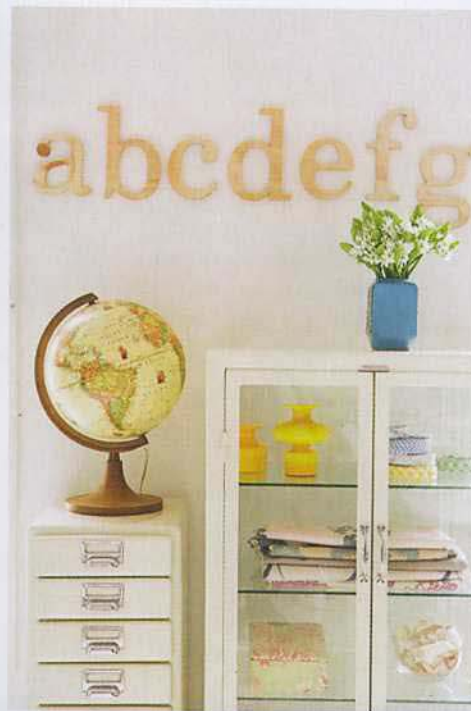


Apollo **lampshade** in Mist On Natural Cotton, \$110, Publisher Textiles. Riviera **night dress** (hanging on wall) \$69.90, and Riviera **robe** (on bed), \$89.90, Deshabillé. **ON BED Throw** in Wheat, \$259, Empire Homewares. Muse queen **quilt cover** and **pillowcases**, \$299.95 for set, Peri. **ON TABLE** Danish **vase** in Blue, \$85, Vampt Retro 'N' Deco. Chinchinchee **flowers**, \$16 a bunch, Garlands.



ABOVE Sewing accessories from Lincraft and Spotlight.

RIGHT ON/IN CABINET Holmegaard yellow glass **vases**, \$115 and \$255, Vampt Retro 'N' Deco. **Fabric remnants**, from \$25 each, Signature Prints. **Sewing box**, \$100, Pigott's Store. Fishbowl **vase**, \$19.95, Domayne.



a coat rack in the corner or over-the-door drying rack and hangers for guests' clothes. **Host etiquette** Set the room up before they arrive so you're not rushing around after dinner as if their sleeping quarters were an afterthought. Pack away as much as possible of your own bits and pieces – filing cabinets or cupboards are gold, as are storage boxes stashed under the bed. Make it tidy enough so they feel they have their own private place. **Personal touch** Clear your work table or desk to give your guests a surface to have a cuppa and read the paper. →