

Weekend Post

# home & garden

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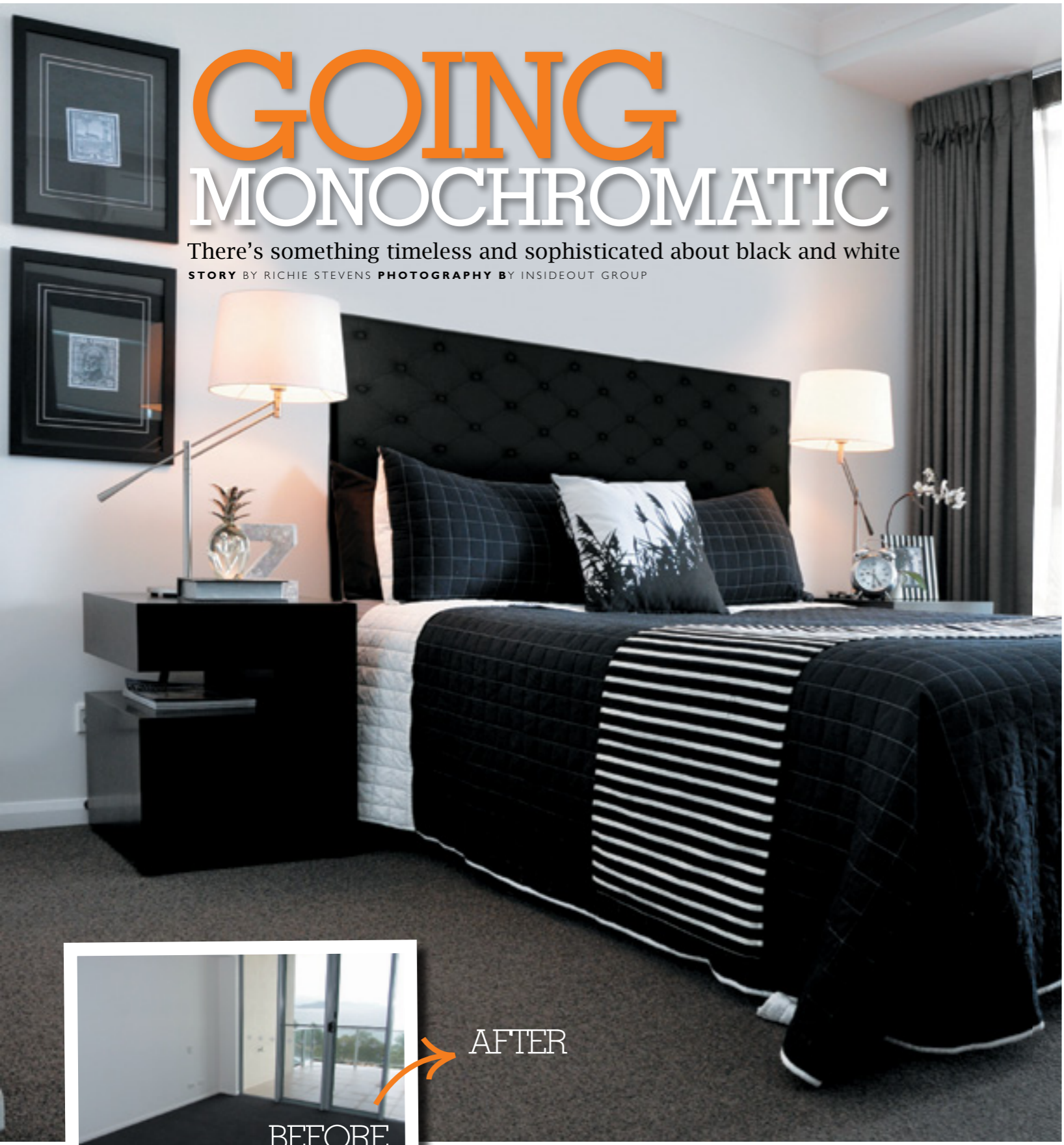
# BLACK & WHITE

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# GOING MONOCHROMATIC

There's something timeless and sophisticated about black and white

STORY BY RICHIE STEVENS PHOTOGRAPHY BY INSIDEOUT GROUP



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If you ever want to add drama, elegance and a touch of sophistication to a room, consider working in the two starkest colours of all — black and white. While it may sound scary, it really is easy.

We took this room from bland to sophisticated in just a day. Since it already had its base white and grey flooring, we just needed to add the drama. And we did that by making sure everything we put into the room fitted into either the black or white theme. We did vary a bit with touches of silver and grey which are just a combination of the two.

The bedding was a mixture of true black and white, while the drapes we hung were in a metallic grey. There's only one mistake you can make when decorating in black and white — make sure the whites are the same. It looks much crisper than varying tones of off white, beiges or creams.

Black and white, used well together, play off each other's strengths. The starkness of their placement together creates an elegant and contemporary look. It is fresh and startling, elegant and sophisticated. For more black and white inspiration visit [www.insideoutstylists.com.au](http://www.insideoutstylists.com.au)



## RICHIE'S ART TIPS

Walls painted stark white or a soft, ivory white serve as a perfect background for framed photographs, prints, and other artwork. Choose painted black frames. Select a combination of stark black and white matting for your artwork. Hanging the art in groups creates an art gallery or collection feel.