

# GETTING ECLECTIC



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## IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS...

THE KEY TO GIVING YOUR SPACE THE ECLECTIC GLOBAL LOOK IS THE FINISHING TOUCHES

Most people have them stashed away somewhere in their house ... you know the little trinkets you pick up on your overseas trip, but you've never really had a place for them. Richie says it's time to dust them off and give them pride of place.

These little items are what make up the whole eclectic style, where the furniture is the base rather than the star. Maybe

you've got a mask that you really love or a few spears.

These are the things that Richie says to make a feature. Get them framed or group them in clusters. Not only does it provide a designer look, but Richie says it adds personality and style. It also will remind you of that much-loved holiday every time your pass that little butterfly jar you picked up in Morocco!

Richie shows how to turn a decidedly blank canvas into a showpiece of your personality and travels

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While there are no strict rules for decorating in an eclectic/tribal style, it's not just a matter of throwing together some mismatched furniture.

Even though we have a blank canvas in this room, we still carefully considered the basic building blocks of any decorative scheme – colour, pattern and texture.

Eclectic style is all about imagination, unexpected contrasts and delightful surprises.

Because we wanted a decidedly tribal look we wanted natural/neutral tones so we started by adding a warm toned couch.

This was the first piece to build upon.

To really stamp the tribal look in this eclectic style, we had some antique spears framed and backed with hessian.

Then we added a highly textured rug and the delightful round coconut coffee table.

The finishing touches to this section of the room was a floor lamp with a dark timber base, a hessian shade and the buffalo horns.

The rest of the living area then just fell into place.

A dark timber table with leather chairs with rustic stitching "roughs up" the sleek lines of the table.

Objects like the beaten candle holders and woven plate add real style to the room.

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