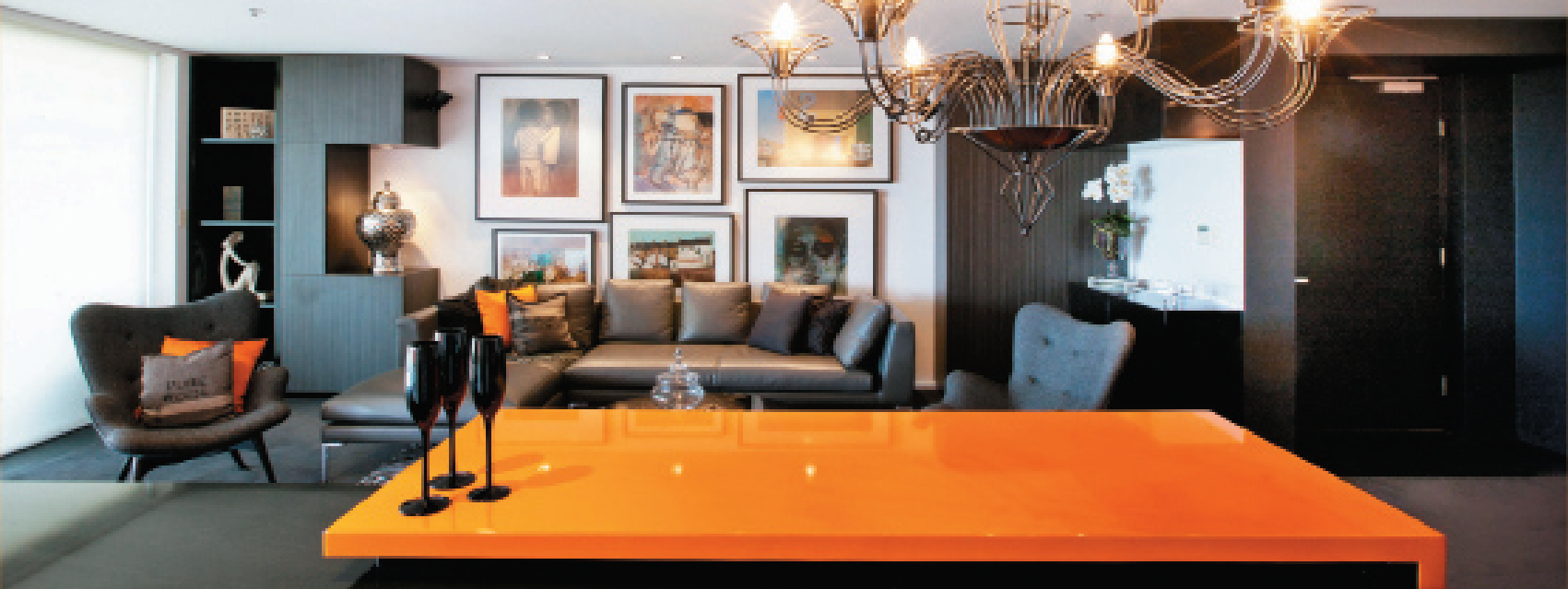


Metro modern

Add a little zing to your living area with a splash of orange ... but don't overdo it



We were given a brief to turn this apartment living area from bland into warm and inviting with a metro twist and a splash of colour. Our first task was to work out our colour palette. We went with dark greys and a burnt orange, complemented by black and silver. We wanted to create a cosy nook for the new lounge to sit in so we designed and installed some bespoke wall cabinets. These were faced in laminex and blackened linewood and created the base for our palette. All the new furniture in the lounge area matched the cabinet tones. Now for the splash of colour – we had a new breakfast bar installed, 2pac coated in Dulux playschool. Oversized artwork behind the lounge completed the look perfectly.

BEFORE: A blank, lifeless room



RICHIE & CHONTELLE'S ORANGEADE TIPS

Orange isn't ever a go-to colour for interiors. But in the right amounts and right shade, orange can be stunning. Steer clear of shades of orange like pumpkin and head towards the more bold, dramatic, zingy oranges or more burnt oranges like you would see in a sunset. Once you find the perfect orange your room can be transformed in an instant. But use it sparingly – the odd cushion, artwork or feature is fine and maybe only small furniture pieces in that hue. It really will become the talking point of any room so this season, spruce up your home with an injection of vitamin C – just remember the golden rule: never overdose!