

An Interior Designer On How To Select Artwork For Your Home

Regardless of how beautiful the decor and furnishings are, it's often the artwork that makes a house feel like a home. However, unless you're an artist, gallery curator, or art collector, selecting art doesn't come naturally for most. To make it easier to select the right art for your space, we've enlisted the help of interior designer Meryl Hare from renowned Australian interior design studio Hare + Klein and concept store HK Edit.

"It is sometimes helpful to see art in a furnished home environment rather than on stark white walls, as it can be difficult to imagine works in a space when in a gallery setting," Meryl Hare says, adding that "we find displaying art in our HK Edit showroom makes it easier for people to get an idea of what it might look like in their own homes."

Rather than selecting art based on what matches your home, Hare recommends selecting pieces that "stand alone and complement the space."

"When selecting artwork [for HK Edit] we look for pieces that are original, inspiring and show a certain depth," Hare tells us. "We also always aim to have a good variety of work to suit different tastes and environments. Working with both established as well as undiscovered artists leads us to an interesting and exciting array of artwork."



Adding drama to a room

"Art has the ability to add a certain element of drama and interest to a room and can really complete the space," says Hare. "We love the work of Melbourne artist Marise Maas for her stunningly classic work which reveals a sense of movement and drama in her use of scale and colour."

Colour

Hare recommends not shying away from a little colour, saying that "colour within artworks brings energy and vibrance to a room. From muted tones to brighter, more striking colours, all art adds another dimension to a space."