



# Living IT UP

The living room is where the family gathers, guests are entertained and often houses the TV as well. These spaces by top designers are filled with fabulous ideas for combining style with comfort

Danela created additional seating with a custom-fitted fire seat. "In my opinion, no fireplace is complete without one."

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## Country SPIRIT

When the owners of this residence in rural KZN decided to renovate it, they asked interior designer Danela Conti of Resort Lifestyle to design a living room that was elegant yet casual and one that would be ideal for relaxing, entertaining and watching TV. Danela believes you need to have a starting point, which, in

this case, was the fireplace. "Although we renovated the room extensively, we kept the fireplace as, being centrally positioned, it holds the room together."

**1** Custom-designed sideboards and shelves in poplar wood display accessories and act as a base for the television.

**2** To give a sense of age and tradition, Danela sourced a vintage mantel from an antique dealer.

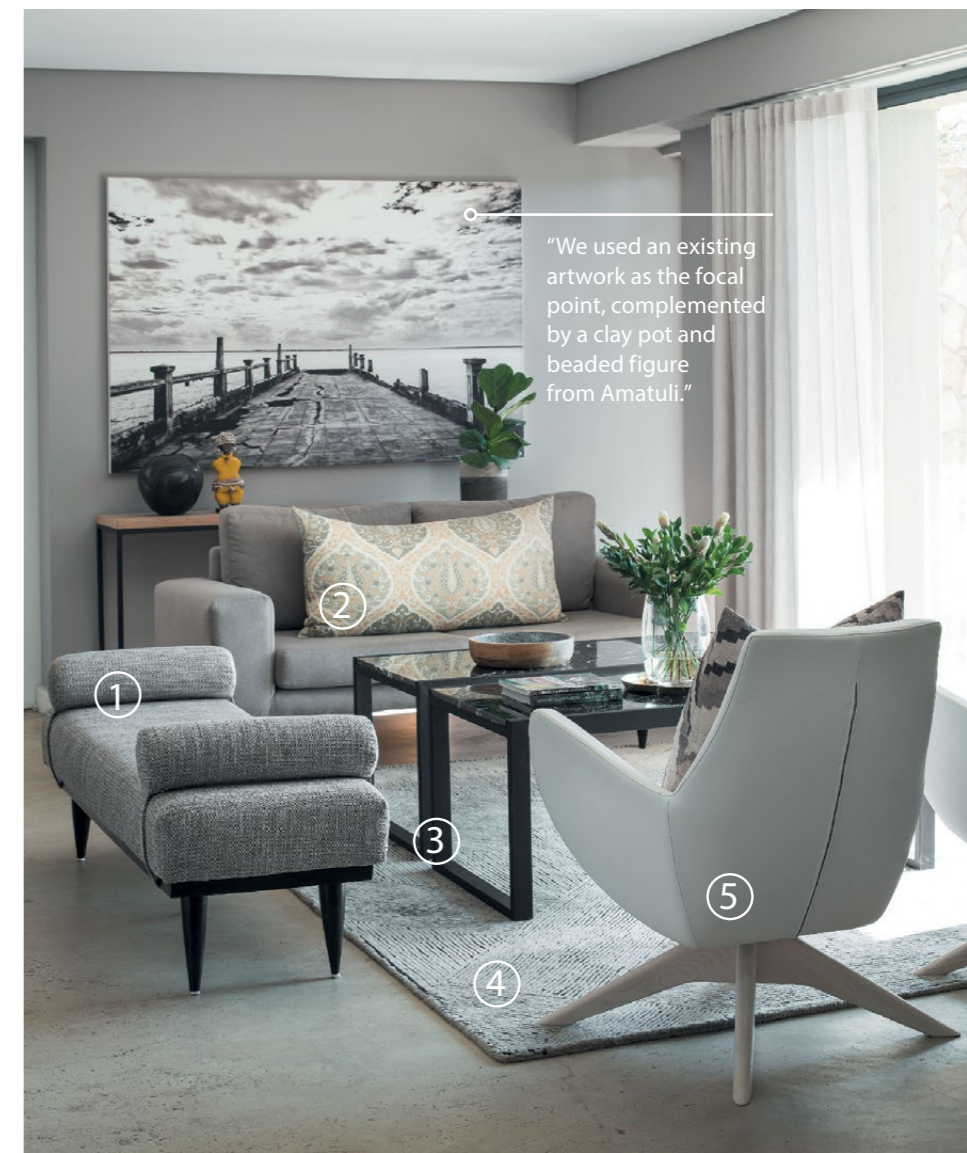
**3** The mirror above the fireplace opens up the room and reflects both natural and decorative light.

**4** Instead of a coffee table, an ottoman from Resort Lifestyle Furniture Collection with storage space inside lets the owners

put their feet up when watching TV.

**5** Danela kept the furnishings neutral with Fiji sofas and woven chairs, all from Resort Lifestyle Furniture Collection, and brought in subtle pops of dirty coral in the scatter cushions.

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"We used an existing artwork as the focal point, complemented by a clay pot and beaded figure from Amatuli."

## Modern LIVING

To help the owners of this newly renovated Jo'burg home establish a comfortable open-plan living area, Candice Koller of CW Interiors started with the furniture placement. "We made sure there was an easy flow out to the garden and that they could also enjoy the fireplace (not visible), which separates the living room from the dining area."

**1** The sofa and ottoman were custom-made to fit the space; the ottoman provides more seating and, as it's low, it doesn't block the view of the garden.

**2** To keep the look clean and modern, Candice used one large scatter in a striking fabric from St Leger & Viney to

draw the eye and add colour.

**3** Instead of a large coffee table, Candice paired two identical tables with marble tops for a sense of luxury.

**4** Defining the sitting area is a plush rug from Lund Rug Gallery, which softens the concrete floor.

**5** To give the room the wow factor, Candice included two statement chairs to which she added scatters from Home Fabrics. "The chairs swivel so they can turn to face the fireplace," she explains. ▸

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