

On the **rooftop terrace**, weatherproof seating was given a lift with patterned scatter cushions.

# HIGH ON *style*

When the owner of this duplex apartment wanted to give it her style and personality, she fortunately had a close friend and relative to turn to



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Although the chairs in the **dining room** are slipcovered, Candice made a couple of sets of fabric caps in different designs so the look can be changed to suit the occasion. The wall behind the dining table was wallpapered in Ronald Redding Sculptured Surfaces from Home Fabrics. ▷



The leafy views, proximity to shops and main roads and the lock-up-and-go lifestyle are some of the reasons loft apartments in the suburbs have become the housing of choice for many young professionals. The owner of this duplex apartment in Bryanston, Jo'burg, also liked the fact that she could run her clothing design business from the loft section upstairs.

While the apartment was nicely finished, she felt it was a bit bland and needed an injection of personality and style. Fortunately, she had just the right person to turn to – her cousin and good friend interior decorator Candice Koller of CW Interiors.

“We’ve known each other for most of our lives and I know her taste and lifestyle well,” explains Candice. “She is very fashionable, has great style and my aim was to reflect this in the decor.”

The first step was to lay new laminate flooring throughout, including the bathrooms, for continuity. The walls were painted in a subtle neutral and shutters were installed on all the doors and windows. “In a small space, shutters are a better option as they don’t take up space or add clutter,” explains Candice. ▷

**THIS SPREAD, CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT:**

- The cushions on the sofa in the **living room** are in fabrics from The Silk and Cotton Co., Mavromac and the Tessa Proudfoot Collection at St Leger & Viney. The rug is from Hertext.
- The sideboard was custom-made by LIM. Wall lighting was upgraded to small unobtrusive lights from Eurolux.
- The **rooftop terrace** was carpeted in Duraturf Country Club. The dining table base was made by Leonardo Design and the top is Corian. The chairs are from Chair Crazy and the pots from Prêt-à-Pot.
- The **kitchen** was left as is. The pendant lights were sourced by CW Interiors.
- The **patio** off the living room was furnished with weatherproof chairs and a sofa from Chair Crazy. The faux hedge is from Easy Ivy.

**WHO LIVES HERE**

A young professional in her 30s who works in the fashion industry.

**THE HOUSE**

A duplex apartment in Bryanston, Jo'burg, with kitchen, dining and living areas, two bedrooms and a bathroom and an open patio on the lower floor. Upstairs, the loft area serves as an office and leading off it is a partially covered outdoor living area.

