

eames storage unit

Why it's a classic: It pioneered the concept of the build-your-own shelf combination to suit your space.

The unit combines shelving with cupboards and drawers, and the result is wonderfully flexible – and not chunky like many other designs. Designed by American power couple Charles and Ray Eames, in 1950, it is made in everything from laminated plywood to rubber on a steel frame.

How to mix it with your furnishings: It's ideal for a seriously stylish home office. Alternatively, consider it for a room divider in an open-plan space. The unit also comes in multi-coloured panels, so you can really make a statement.

Where you can get it: Rubber on steel unit, \$6105, from Spence & Lyda.

In the groove: Eames storage unit, \$6105, desk, \$2555, Armshell fibreglass chair, \$955, all Spence & Lyda. Striped snuggly rug, from \$2244, Designer Rugs. kikki K magazine files, \$19.95 each, A4 box, \$34.95, pencil holder, \$29.95, A3 boxes, \$39.95 each, all Orson & Blake Surry Hills. Leather notebook, \$50, Orson & Blake Woollahra. Vase with silver inclusions (left) \$495, Whitefriars vase (centre) \$295, art glass dish \$245, all Mix(d). Tundra flooring in almond \$42.94/pack, IKEA.

cherner side chair

Why it's a classic: How slinky is that one-piece seat? Made in walnut or beech veneer, this piece of pure elegance, by New York chair-leader Norman Cherner back in 1958, belongs in the design pantheon. And it's surprisingly comfortable – your guests won't leave the table straight after the cheesecake.

How to mix it with your furnishings: Best with a plain table in a matching hue – too strong a contrast could detract from those sinuous lines. White accessories, such as the Norm 69 light over the table, add a brilliant finishing touch (buy it as a flat pack, \$299, from FY2K and put your DIY hat on).

Where you can get it: \$985, from FY2K.

**stelton thermal carafe**

Why it's a classic: This isn't just an insulated flask – it doubles as a smart jug, and comes with a lid and stopper, neither of which has to be removed for pouring. Its genius lies in its adaptability, from table to picnic, thanks to Mr Plastic Fantastic, Denmark's Erik Magnussen, who designed the carafe in 1977.

How to mix it with your furnishings: The cylindrical shape and black/white contrast makes a strong design statement, so don't crowd it with other knick-knacks. The jug comes in an amazing array of colours, from vivid red and orange through to go-with-anything neutrals.

Where you can get it: \$155/three-piece set, from Mix(d).

LEFT Cherner walnut chairs, \$985 each, Norm 69 pendant light, \$299, both FY2K.

Walnut-stained dining table, \$3395, Orson & Blake Surry Hills. Mix shaggy wool rug, from \$2244, Designer Rugs. Tundra flooring in almond, \$42.94/pack, IKEA. DB vases, small \$47.50, medium, \$88, large \$209, all Living Edge. Handbag, Justine Brown.

ABOVE Stelton thermal ware \$155/three-piece set, Mix(d). For stockists see page 200