



DESIGN NOTEBOOK



COOL CERAMICS

Waitakere based object designer Susannah Bridges first made her mark on the design scene with her beautiful ceramic lamps and it's been fascinating watching her aesthetic grow and evolve over the years. From large outdoor sculptures to delicate porcelain pieces, she cleverly plays with light and texture. This month, she exhibits some of her latest works at *Essenze* in Parnell. We particularly love her high fired earthenware *Shadow Bowls* which are created in earthy tones representing "the emerging shadows as the day moves from light to dark". Other works include *Labour of Love*, a wall art installation inspired by vintage doilies and an homage to the women who spent hours crocheting them. Susannah has taken individual doilies and layered them with porcelain clay before firing them. The result: delicate and intricate pieces that work together to create a serene sculptural work that cleverly plays with light. Until Nov 25 at *Essenze*, 285 Parnell Rd, ph (09) 300 6238

DIY IDEAS

Here at *Viva* we love anything that is that antithesis of mass production. That's why we couldn't go past *The Crafty Minx* (\$45: Murdoch Books) by Kelly Doust, who is a regular contributor to publications such as *Vogue* and *Dazed & Confused*. Written especially for those who aren't naturally inclined when it comes to craftwork, it is full of cool ideas that aren't too tricky to pull off. From cute fabric fridge magnets to ribbon lamps and cushions made from silk scarves, it's full of inspiring ways to add meaning to your home.



PRETTY IN PINK

If you're a fan of floral prints and pretty hues, then you may want to check out the new *Laura Ashley Haute Couture* range. Inspired by the silver screen sirens of the forties — think *Vivien Leigh*, *Rita Hayworth*, *Ava Gardner* — they've created a range that has an elegant air of nostalgia. With floral silks and wallpapers in hues of peony pinks and damask rose, they all come together for a decidedly feminine feel. *Westfield Shore City*, Cnr Lake Rd and Como St, Takapuna, ph (09) 486 7659.