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Something for your pad — and it's the deerest thing to a bloke's heart.

WANT TO FILL your living space with the wildest and most apt sign of masculinity? Designer Manon Youdale has answered your call with chandeliers, coffee tables, sculptures and umbrella racks fashioned from antlers. On the subject of first seeing the intriguing horns of antlers during a skiing trip to Aspen 15 years ago, Youdale says,

"I was transfixed by the wild, masculine yet sensual shapes they produced." Although the skier-cum-design-guru only started her business in April 2007, she has since "produced work for private homes, nightclubs, bars, polo clubs — and very modern houses and apartments." The reaction to her twisted creations? "It's been extremely



positive — and I've noticed a huge amount of curiosity. There is a real 'wow' factor with antlers, especially once you see them and hold them in your hands. Some people are concerned about the deer, until I explain that all male deer shed their antlers yearly. So what I am creating and working with is what nature has left behind for me to use.

No deer have been harmed in any way. There is a huge global movement to use antlers and the interest has now hit Australian shores." A nifty wordsmith too, Manon Youdale's company moniker draws on her surname — ILLUMANON — and her latest range is called ChanDeerLier. **Enquiries: 0417 214 079, manon@illumanon.com**