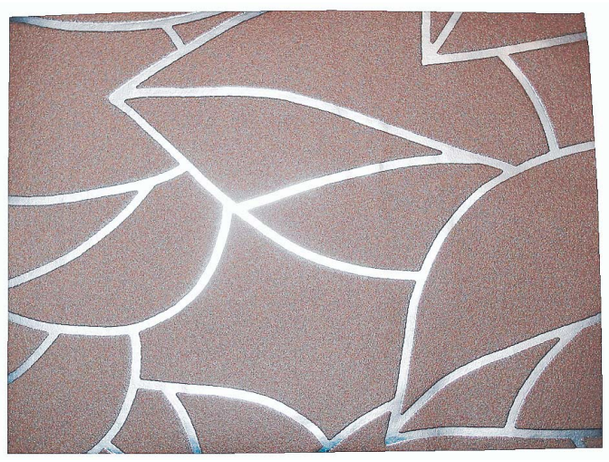
Artists: Katelyn McLeod, 5 and Rebekah McLeod, 2.

unleash the artist within

Making your home your castle is no easy task. **Craig Lawson** finds out why.



Creating a comfortable environment and living space is important for anybody to feel at home.
Waghorns Colourplus colour consultant Carol Wood says everything doesn't have to be pristine and perfect.
"Personally, I like to mix the old with the new," she says.
All it takes is recovering an old chair or re-framing some art work, to give the room a fresh look.
Remember it's your home, you have to feel comfortable, so make sure it's right for you, she says.
Even accessories can liven up any area of your home.
Take some coloured candles or even some bright red salt and pepper shakers to inject some colour into any space.
Interior design can be creative and fun as long as you know where to start.
And it doesn't have to cost a fortune.
Canvas art has become a popular trend to refresh bare walls at a very affordable price.
It's a fun and creative way to inject a bit of your own personality into your home.
Canvas art is a great way to add some character to a room without it costing a fortune, she says.
It also feels great to have created something yourself.

Do it yourself – art:
A blank canvas is the perfect starting point and they are available at a very reasonable price. Make sure you purchase different sizes to mix it up, and to hang them on the wall purchase removable wall hooks from the supermarket.
Let your creative spirit run free and use the following ideas to unleash the artist within.

Use paint:
All you need is some test pots of paint from your local store in your favourite colours.
For a kids room paint the canvas or leave it white, then get the kids to hand or foot print the canvas in different colours. This is not only fun but also very colourful and can make a great present for relatives.

Use fabric:
Fabric shops are full of endless ways to decorate the canvas.
All you do is buy enough fabric to cover the canvas, fold neatly at the corners and staple at the back.
If you have a striped bedspread then find a striped fabric to use on the canvas. But hang it in a different direction for an eye-catching look.

Use wallpaper:
Wallpaper comes in endless designs and in every colour imaginable.
Choose your favourite roll or ask if the store has part of a roll leftover.
When home all you do is lay the canvas on the wallpaper, draw around the canvas to get the correct shape. Cut it out (neatly) and glue it on to the canvas. You can either paint the sides of the canvas a particular colour or leave it white.

But the most important thing of all: Let your imagination run wild.

naughty or nice

Which one will you be this weekend?

naughty

Orange Lychee Martini: 15ml
Soho Lychee Liqueur
30ml vodka
60ml fresh orange juice
Slice of orange to garnish
Now that you have those front row AC/DC tickets, sit back and enjoy your naughty cocktail.

or

nice

Apple Crumble:
Apple juice
Fresh apple to garnish
1 egg white
Pour the apple juice into a margarita glass. Shake the egg white hard and pour on top. Then sprinkle with cinnamon. Sugar and spice you are just too nice.