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# TOP FIT FOR APARTMENTS

## SMART DESIGNS HELP MAXIMISE SMALLEST OF SPACE

**Janita Singh**

DETERMINED to show that apartment living does not have to be boring, Tamara and David Gorrie have created a furniture range to add wow factor to small spaces.

The couple's Brown Dog Furniture Company has launched the Apartmento range, featuring handmade pieces in solid timber and steel.

"The rise and rise of apartment living has created new lifestyle and social opportunities for those adopting this way of life," Tamara says.

"But life in smaller, more compact spaces doesn't mean having to compromise on beautiful, handmade furniture that uplifts, inspires and makes a striking statement."

Tamara says the Apartmento range was born out of a desire to cater for sophisticated apartment dwellers who want to maximise the benefits of big-city living.

"That often means having a stylish, considered apartment rather than a sprawling suburban home with under-used space.



**David Gorrie of The Brown Dog Furniture Company with his Apartmento furniture. The company was named after his two chocolate labradors, Chuck (pictured) and Morris.**

"It's the best of both worlds ... your own carefully edited sanctuary nestled among the great inner-city lifestyle benefits, often within walking distance," she says.

"Our clients were frustrated they could not find inspiring and striking, contemporary furniture in natural solid timbers and made in Australia."

David's experience living in New York was a key factor in the genesis of Apartmento, Tamara says.

The range features space-

saving designs that are striking and practical.

"We have used minimal ribbon-like curves and simple geometric steel shapes with character-rich, solid reclaimed and sustainable timbers," Tamara says.

The light-toned timbers include Australian stringybark, 300-year-old reclaimed wine vat French oak and sustainable American oak, which are ideal for opening up small spaces, she says.

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**WISE CHOICES**

Tamara Gorrie says choosing the right style and size of furniture plays a big role in the comfort of small spaces such as apartments. Here are few tips:

- Look for practical furniture
- Choose lighter toned timber
- Select minimalist leg and base designs
- Use a neutral background palette on walls and ceilings, complemented by strategic pops of colour and texture in artworks, furniture bases, floor rugs and so on

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