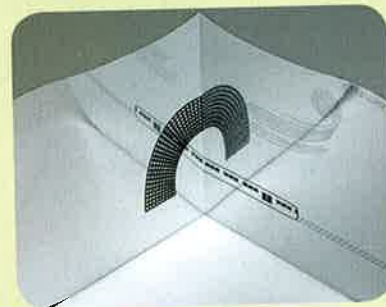
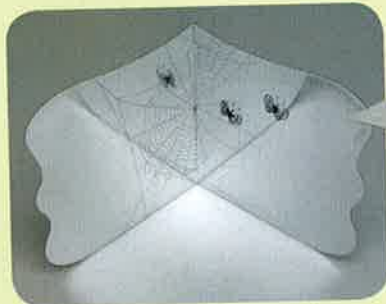




## material world



Buying fabric just became an even lovelier experience thanks to online emporium Kelani Fabric Obsession. Boasting cult favourites from around the world and free delivery across Australia, we're officially smitten. Our picks of this oh-so-beautiful bunch include Anna Maria Horner's summery designs {*main*}, from \$32/metre, quirky Sew Your Own soft-toy patterns (*above left*), from \$16.50, and the pastel-pretty fabrics of US designer Amy Butler (*bottom left*), from \$23/metre. For the festive season, we love Saffron Craig's cute Christmas panels {*inset*}, \$19.50. Visit [www.kelanifabric.com.au](http://www.kelanifabric.com.au).



### GIVE GIVE GIVE!

It may be better to give than to receive but both parties will delight in the D-Bros 'Mirror Cards' from De De Ce Plus. Designed by Yoshie Watanabe to capture the whimsy of a white Christmas, the mirrored cards reveal the full extent of the beautiful scene when unfolded to 90 degrees. At \$15 each, you might want to reserve them for those at the top of your list, but as objets d'art, they're great value. Visit [www.dedeceplus.com](http://www.dedeceplus.com).

### the five-star treatment

Travel provides constant food for thought – and for *HB*, it's often hotel rooms that inspire the creative spirit. The world's grand hotels boast pristine style, great design and luxury touches to make guests feel right at home. As the entertaining season looms, we're inspired by the Langham Hotel in Hong Kong to create the ultimate lavish home for the holidays.

- ♦ Mix classic style with cutting-edge technology. If your guests need to check their email while staying with you, broadband wi-fi is essential. For visitors who might like to retire to their own space, consider including a big-screen television, even if it means borrowing one from another room.
  - ♦ Clear the way for their belongings – make room in the closet for guests to unpack their things. You might also want to stock up on luxe wooden clothes hangers.
  - ♦ For guests, the bed is a home away from home – a hub for reading as well as sleeping. For hotel-quality sheets, soft furnishings and homewares, or even their famed 'blissful bed', visit the Flavours of Langham hotel store in Melbourne; [www.langhamhotelmelbourne.com.au](http://www.langhamhotelmelbourne.com.au). To dress the bed, look to layers with a tactile throw for afternoon comfort.
  - ♦ Step up the ensuite. Spa-like surrounds, complete with shutters and luxurious amenities, inspire relaxation and calm. If a bathroom renovation isn't on the to-do list, add luxury with fluffy white Egyptian-cotton towels and five-star soaps.
  - ♦ Take your decor cues from your surroundings. To make visiting your home a memorable experience, marry your personal style with that of your local area. Think coastal if you're by the beach, natural if you're in the bush or urban if you're a city dweller. Here, traditional silk drapery and Chinese gold-leaf artwork are infused with a contemporary edge.
- Find out more about Hong Kong's Langham Hotel (*pictured, top*) at [hongkong.langhamhotels.com](http://hongkong.langhamhotels.com).

