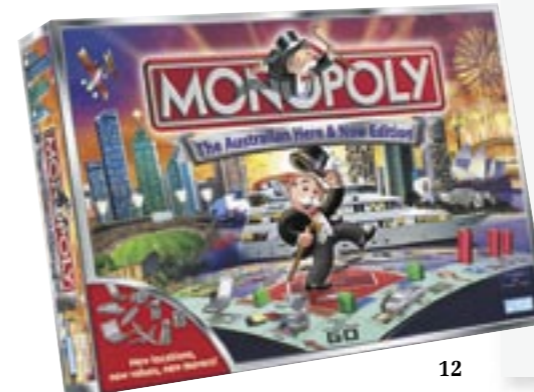
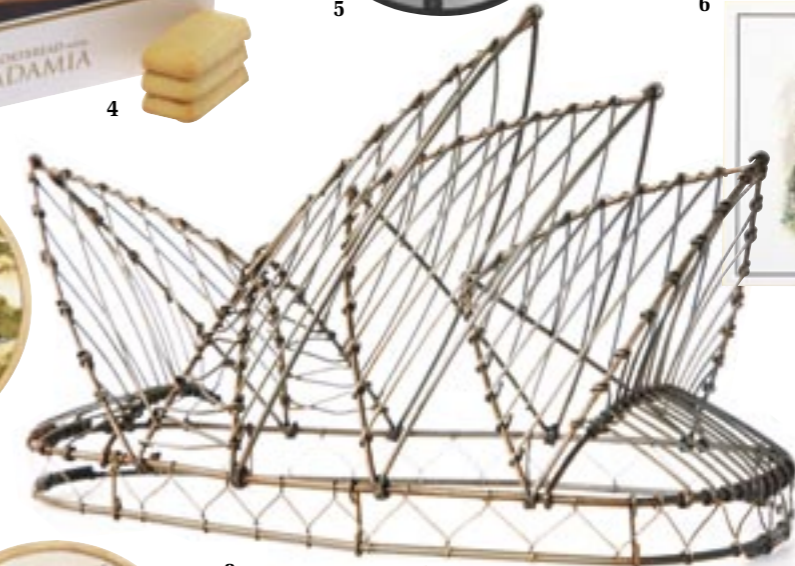


Brick By Brick

Whether it's a timber hut nestled between gumtrees on hectares of land, a fibro beach shack overlooking the rumbling waves, a verandah enclosed bungalow perched on stilts or a Victorian terrace heavily decorated with iron lacework, you could say Australia is made up of a "landscape" of distinctive buildings. So when we received the magnificent *Wattle Day* project from Robyn Coots (see page 58), we went shopping to find the best purchases to showcase Australia's unique architecture.

1. "Meet me under the clocks" is certainly the vernacular for many Melburnians for it makes reference to meeting at the famous Flinders Street Railway Station. And with this stunning paperweight from **Boyle Industries**, you can admire Australia's oldest station while at work or at home.
2. Now you can build your own version of the distinctive Queenslander home with this fabulous model from **Little Building Co.** Cut from Queensland maple and so easy to construct with its detailed step-by-step instructions, the model measures a miniature 65 x 115 x 115mm.
3. Legendary Australian artist **Greg Hyde** of Meadow Flat in western NSW is renowned not only for his whimsical and humorous paintings, but also for his stunning hand-coloured limited edition etchings. These exquisite examples of Greg's work portray the character-filled buildings found lining the streets of the NSW towns of Bathurst and Orange.
4. Emu Bottom is not only Victoria's oldest homestead, it's also the home of the most delicious butter shortbread. With macadamias thrown into the mix, these divine biscuits from **Emu Bottom Biscuits** not only have a true Australian taste but will make the perfect gift for an overseas visitor.
5. Melbourne is renowned for its chic fashion sense but it's also admired for its beautiful buildings. If you love this fabulous city or you're looking for the perfect souvenir, then pick up this cup and saucer set from **Melbournestyle** showcasing the city icons in silhouette.
6. Showcase the richness of Australia's architecture in your home with these fabulous watercolour prints by renowned artist, Olga Gostin. Federation houses, Victorian terraces, Queensland timber cottages and many more can be found in this mixed set of 16 postcard-size prints from **Allegria Designs**.
7. Anyone who owns an old home and is looking to restore it to its former glory will find these titles from **Tower Books** invaluable. Both titles provide practical advice to painting and decorating old houses, giving you a wealth of useful information and lots of illustrations.
8. The Sydney Opera House, one of the most recognisable buildings in the modern world, is a true masterpiece of innovation and uniqueness. So why not honour this incredible architectural feat with this fabulous piece, made of galvanised iron with a rust finish, from **The Shop Online?**
9. Demonstrate your true blue Aussie spirit when you incorporate these fabulous fabrics in your next Australiana craft project. Available from **One Stop Fabric Shop**, these wonderful 100 per cent cotton fabrics depict charming rural and outback village scenes.
10. You don't have to be a millionaire to own a piece of Australia's architectural history — just stitch it instead. Meroogal House, a Gothic-revival home built in 1885 in Nowra on the south coast of NSW, has been captured with needle and thread in this exquisite cross stitch brought to you by the **Historic Houses Trust of NSW**.
11. Evoke nostalgic memories when you sit down at the dining table with the *Childhood Memories* set of placemats and coasters from **Ashdene**. Featuring the beautiful artwork of world-famous d'Arcy W Doyle, each piece will transport you back to 1930s rural Australia.
12. Now you can wheel and deal Australian style with this special 25th anniversary edition of Australian *Monopoly*. Move around the board in your trusty ute or head to jail in a pair of thongs. It's a must-have game from **Hasbro Toys** for every Aussie family.



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