

While it may feel like all of your friends are over in Europe hiking the Balkans, road tripping around the Amalfi coast, drinking sangria in Spain or exploring hidden coastal gems in Portugal, it's only natural for some serious FOMO to kick in if you're stuck at home. With a few styling hacks thanks to Justine Wilson, you can turn your home into a complete Mediterranean oasis to transport your mind, even on the coldest day of winter. Justine Wilson, Sydney Property Styling Expert and Director of Vault Interiors says, "At Vault Interiors we believe the Mediterranean style can be defined as rendered walls, soft lines, stucco textures and curved organic shapes. A popular trend in outdoor living and entertaining spaces this style portrays the relaxed Mediterranean lifestyle." The Mediterranean trend encapsulates the unique styles of southern Greece, Italy and Spain which showcase large exterior windows, outdoor living and a very paired back palette. The style captures the romance of a Mediterranean summer with rustic furniture and textured walls. Justine's top tips on how to bring a taste of the Mediterranean into your home: Get the colour palette right – A very simple, stripped back colour palette defines the Mediterranean style, with natural colours inspired by nature. It's all in the details – The small details such as large Euro cushions on the floor, Turkish towels as blankets and rattan baskets or ottomans will help give your living spaces that uniquely Mediterranean feel. Outdoor – It's important not to forget about the outdoor spaces, so dress them the same as you would inside to create flow and continuity. Scatter cushions across the lounge setting, add small potted plants to the table and hang up some lanterns to create a relaxing and peaceful ambience. Don't neglect the bathroom – Coloured towels, scented candles and soap dispensers can go a long way to dress up a tired space. Hide away all your daily products and add a vase of fresh flowers, some perfumes and bath salts to the vanity to create the feeling of an elegant day spa. Spruce up your bedroom – A simple bedspread can be elevated by adding in some scatter cushions and a bed throw. You can repeat an accent colour that you've used elsewhere in the home or mix it up and try adding a contrasting colour to brighten up the space. Matching bedside tables and lamps and a dresser will also help create harmony in the space. www.vaultinteriors.com.au

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