

According to Sydney Property Stylist and Interior Designer Justine Wilson, now is the time to Op Shop, with 'through the roof' sales reported this month. Due to the lockdowns across the country, many have had the time to finally Marie Kondo or simply did a clean-up out of sheer boredom. Due to this, places like Vinnies, the Red Cross and local charity shops are full to the brim with new stock. Justine Wilson, Founder of Vault Interiors says, "There are many amazing interior finds at these places, especially as many people have been clearing out, decluttering and redoing their interiors over the quarantine period. "Any good stylist will tell you they not only source beautiful home decor at top end shops, but they also enjoy the hunt and thrill of finding home decor bargains at Op Shops. It's also a great way to create a more authentic gathered and travelled home feel, without the price tag. Plus, it's a good way too epicycle and be more sustainable in the home," said Justine. Justine's top five items to shop for at Op Shops - that look top end when styled, include: 1. Wooden bowls, platters and serving trays. These were big in the 60's and 70's and have made a comeback as we lean more towards natural and organic interiors. You can find many cool shapes and wooden tones from whitewash and teak, to stained woods. Wooden bowls make great fruit bowls for your kitchen, it's even nice to have a cluster of sizes and separate your fruits in an aesthetic manner. 2. Crystal. All types! This extends to decanters, glassware, bowls and cute little catch-all trays. Etched crystal is beautiful and can be a great way to display jewellery on your dresser, or use a crystal vessel with lids in the bathroom filled with q tips and cotton balls. Or, a crystal decanter and glass set will jazz up your bar cart with a nod to old-world glamour. 3. Design books. Trade secret shhh! I source a lot of beautiful coffee table books from Op Shops. The trick is to buy the large oversize books and preferably with dust jackets - sure the jacket may be torn so the trick is to throw it away and you have a lovely hardcover book left. They are usually solid linen covers underneath, and look great stacked on your bookshelf, coffee table or console table. 4. Pottery. Who doesn't love finding vintage pottery! they make the best bookshelf styling pieces or for your floral displays. Neutral tone pottery is very in right now and very expensive to buy new, whereas I have found beautiful pottery vases for around \$8 at op shops. There are many options, bowls, vessels, vases, small coasters. It will introduce a more earthy, handmade element into your home. 5. Ceramics. 80's shape vases and bowls in geometric or rounded patterns are very in, think ribbed lines, or fan shapes, colours come in in peach, white, black and terracotta pinky tones. They make great standalone decor items but also wonderful table centrepieces, especially if you pair them with pretty olive tree branches or similar greenery. For further tips and topics from Justine Wilson go to: [www.vaultinteriors.com.au](http://www.vaultinteriors.com.au)

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