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'I gave our home an urban-beach feel – it reminds me of the summers I spent at my grandparents' beach house,' says Melissa. What makes your home feel special? Email your photos to homes@ikeafamilylive.com



MEET... Melissa, a teacher and writer. She lives in a 96-square-metre house with her husband, children Kariin and Jude, and her sister

We make the most of unusual features in our home because they add character. By adding a shelf under a narrow frosted window, we created a mantel where we can display all of our photographs and artwork. I love documenting precious moments. I'd like to create a photo wall – being surrounded by pictures and artwork makes us happy.

We make mealtimes fun for the kids. My daughter Kariin loves making pancakes in the morning, and any opportunity to use her SMASKA cutlery. We spend a lot of time in our kitchen cooking, so we needed somewhere to store our gadgets and kitchenware. Dinnerware and utensils are kept in our NYVOLL chest of six drawers – it has a slow-closing feature which is great because Kariin loves to explore! We use GRUNDTAL shelves and containers to store all kitchen items from spices to glasses, so everything has its place. We enjoy our warm and relaxing Sundays in here, with something baking in the oven, our music playing and a good cup of coffee.

We already have Kariin's big-girls-bedroom arranged! My sister is staying with us while she's studying, so we wanted pieces that would be practical for her and useful for our children when they're older. We chose a MICKE desk, which is a great workspace and can also be used as a dressing table. Our SVARTA day bed is a perfect size for Kariin's first bed.

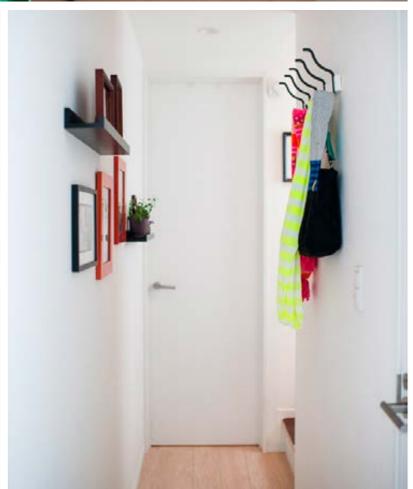
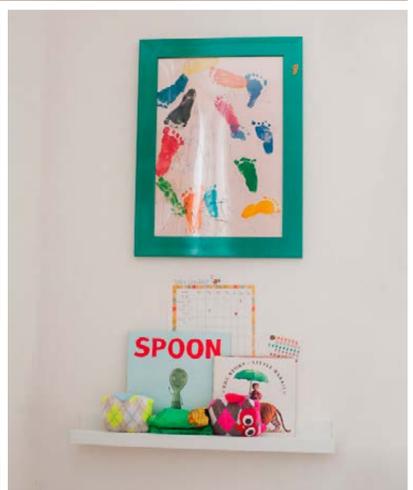
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