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State of the art

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A small apartment plays to a bigger picture with bold, original artworks.

THE HOME A one-bedroom, light-filled, art deco apartment tucked away in a quiet street near Centennial Park, Sydney.

WHO LIVES HERE Artist Paul Davies, an artist who specialises in paintings of mid-20th-century architecture, and his wife, Sarah Noye Davies, who works in public relations. "We love it here. It is the perfect size for our first home," says Paul.

WHAT THEY DID "We renovated the bathroom before we moved in but we hadn't finished the kitchen," says Paul. "The first night here was romantic, we got takeaway and sat on our boxes, but after eight weeks living with a kettle, toaster and fridge, the romance of the situation disappeared quickly."

MY FAVOURITE ROOM "My favourite spot is sitting in the living room on my Eames lounge, reading a book with my floor light beside me with a really lovely breeze coming through the window."

THE 'HOOD "It's amazing how quiet it is, yet we are just a stone's throw from the city, beach and our favourite shops and restaurants."

FUTURE PLANS "The only thing we will change is the artwork. We love to travel and when we look at our artwork it reminds us of the trips we have been on, the friends and the people we've met."

TOP TIP Create an illusion of space with lavish art pieces and special spaces.