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Taking shape The curved surfaces of the tables provide a soft contrast against the more linear aspects of the room, and they were specifically created to suit the size of small tapas plates. A mixture of prints and rich hues – including apricot, blue and eggplant – amplifies the playfulness of the space, encouraging customers to relax and indulge in the fun, summery atmosphere.



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space crush

In a world of neutrals, this interior scheme celebrates the playful essence of colour

CONCEIVED AT A TIME when exotic travel plans were put on hold, the overhaul of this NSW South Coast deli and wine bar – overseen by Dominique Brammah, co-director of interior design company Duet – utilised a playful palette cemented in Mediterranean flair. “The owner had commissioned a local potter to produce all the serving ware for the bar very early on, and this became a beautiful synergy and celebration of detail,” she says. Revolting against the minimalist look that currently consumes the design world, Dominique chose to celebrate the powerful whimsy of colour and the joyous effect it can have on our mood. “Bold shades – including the rusty orange of the wall tables, the deep blue-green of the skirtings and the burgundy in the stripe of the stool covers – ground the playful palette and give it depth,” she says. “We are really delighting in the return of bright red, which we used as a pop in some key wall lighting. It’s a beautifully atmospheric day space but it is also a magical space at night as the lights dim and the peach hues glow even brighter.” ●

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Bold and beautiful The tiled bar was the starting point for the selection of materials. Duet sourced beautiful handmade ceramic wall tiles that feature a varied glaze and three complementary colours, which have been arranged in a gingham pattern to reference joyful summer picnics. **Peach perfect** To ensure that colour radiates not only within the space but among the people who enjoy it, the team at Duet opted for a peach hue to adorn the walls of the deli, allowing everyone who enters to bask in a warm, summery glow. Dominique says it's instantly uplifting. "Initially, we intended for the peach to be on the ceiling, too, but as the painter was poised to paint we added an almost-gaudy musk pink to the ceiling – and it just lifts the spirits even further," she says.

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- 1** Belgian linen **napkins** in Ochre Stripe, \$70, Lucy Montgomery.
- 2** Campbell Rey Murano **tumblers** in Pink Yellow (sold as a pair) and Blue/Green (sold as a pair), \$290/pair, Lucy Montgomery.
- 3** Blue **side plates**, \$50 each, Estudio Tres.

