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Two's company

A pair of identical chairs beneath a striking artwork create a charming seating zone at the bottom of the stairs in this former factory. Turn the page to see more of this cool, light-filled home. →

INDUSTRIAL OASIS

An industrial workshop is transformed into a cool home, gallery & studio space while retaining the original **raw appeal** of the place

* plants bring energy & colour to the white space

Living gallery
Mature plants suit the proportions of the large living room and add life to the predominantly white space – as does the red metal stool/side table made by homeowner, architect and designer Antonino Sciortino.

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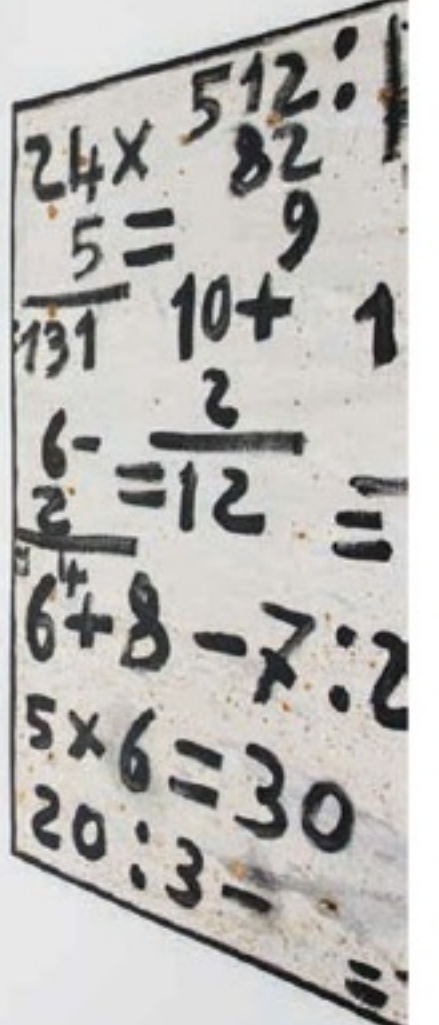
Urban cool
The light-filled living area is also a perfect room to display Antonino's metal works. "I live here but it is also my business address," he explains. "I wanted to make a place where interested people could see my creations on display, and possibly order them." →

Lava flow
The kitchen has a very industrial minimalist feel, although a vivid red lacquered stone table adds a dramatic splash of colour.



Country air
Despite living in the city, the lush garden viewed through the large windows makes Antonino feel like he's residing in the country.

Sum of its parts
A naive maths artwork by Antonino, titled *Matematico Infantile*, adds a simple, quirky touch to the organic but sophisticated space. It also provides a subtle nod to the property's previous life as a workshop for calculator parts.



MANY CREATIVE PEOPLE dream about having a home that can also accommodate their work studio. And if there's space to exhibit their creations as well, even better! Lucky for architect and designer Antonino Sciortino this dream, including the added bonus of the in-house exhibition space, has become a reality.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING Antonino had previously lived in an apartment, but was on the lookout for a place where he could combine his living and work environments – and have a garden for his two dogs. After doing the requisite research, he found a spacious 450 sq m industrial workshop that had been used to manufacture calculator parts. It was ideal! And an added attraction was that the area had become a drawcard for contemporary artists, which was right up his alley. "I was looking for a property with generous dimensions that would provide a feeling of space, as well as open to a garden, which gives the feeling of living in the country while enjoying the benefits of the city," he says. "And although it's located in the city centre, it's surprisingly calm and peaceful."

TRANSFORMATION BEGINS Antonino set about transforming the former workshop, while retaining the open feel of the place. To achieve this he avoided putting up too many dividing walls and painted the majority of the existing walls white, which reflects the light, enhances the bright feel and gives an art gallery air. He also wanted to preserve the "raw" style of the building, which he says is the "soul" of the place. The polished concrete floors throughout the home, bedroom included, were chosen for their natural quality, which helps maintain the "industrial spirit" of the building, Antonino says. Concrete was also →



who lives here?
Architect & designer Antonino Sciortino and his two pooches, Nina & Vito

House plants Antonino has placed his plants on stands with castors so he can easily move them around the home, and outside during the hot summers. "They go on holiday outside in the garden," he says.

Room dividers Although Antonino didn't want to erect too many walls in the home, upstairs he has hung jute curtains to separate different rooms. "Curtains create a warm ambience," he says.

Modern minimal
The concrete floor, white walls and ceiling spotlights offer a refined, contemporary touch to the kitchen, which overlooks the courtyard. Resplendent with olive trees and Antonino's sculptural pieces, it has access to the workshop.



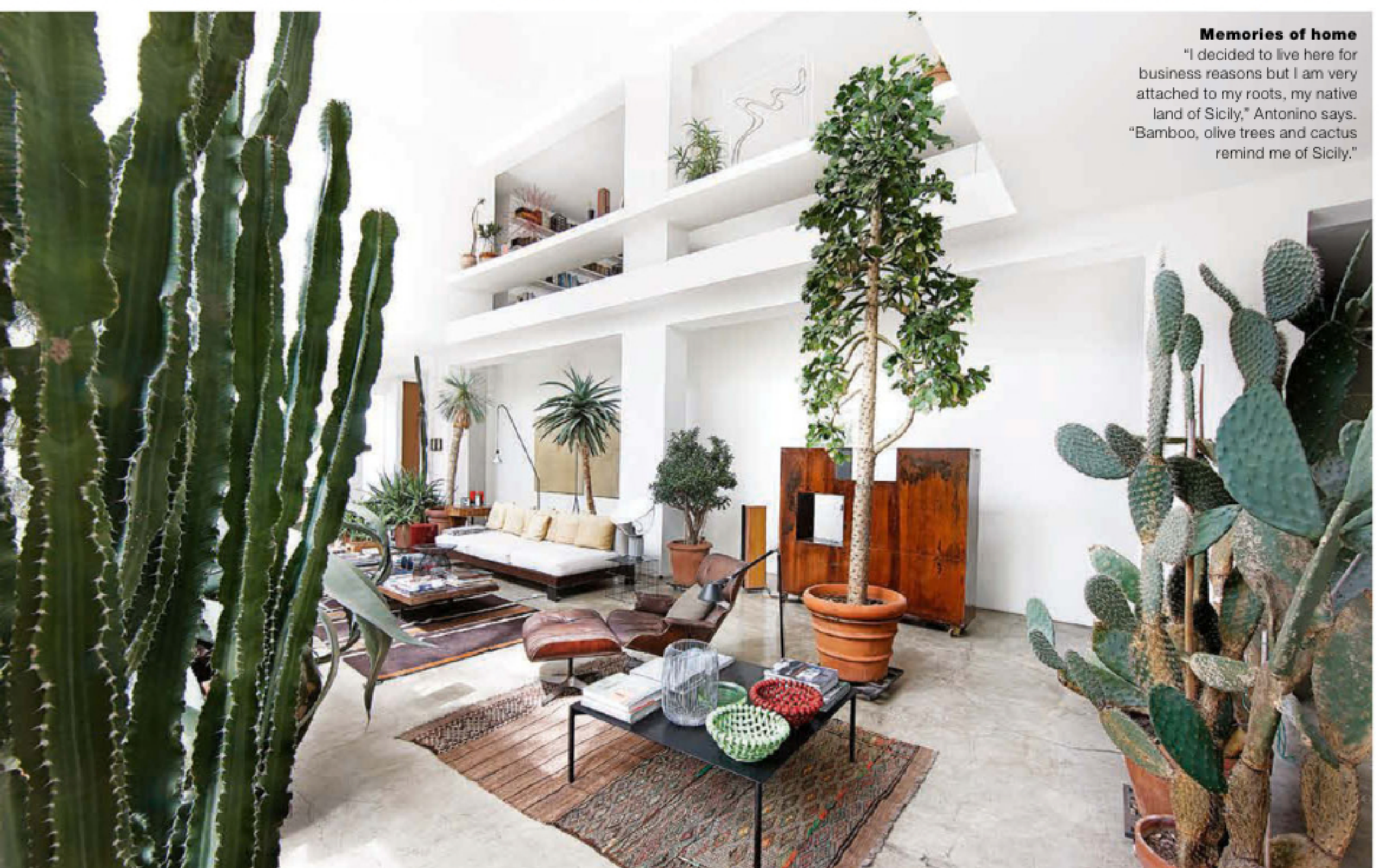
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Practical art
Antonino designs and makes metal furniture, lighting and homewares, such as bowls, in his workshop at home. Although his pieces are functional, they have a distinctly sculptural look. →



Landing pad
Concrete stairs lead to the upper level. A long shelf across the opening to the living room below is perfect for displaying plants and knick-knacks. It can also double as a spacious desk.

LARGE OPENINGS IN THE INTERNAL WALL OF THE LANDING ALLOW LIGHT FROM THE LIVING ROOM WINDOWS TO FLOOD INTO THE AREA, ENHANCING THE FEELING OF SPACE



Memories of home
"I decided to live here for business reasons but I am very attached to my roots, my native land of Sicily," Antonino says. "Bamboo, olive trees and cactus remind me of Sicily."

floorplan christina banos



Another dimension
Antonino's flat metal sculpture *Cubo Spiaccicato* makes for an arresting artwork. The feature wall echoes shades of colour in the concrete.

Hanging around
In the bedroom, the white and concrete palette is softened with organic timber furniture, tribal rugs and floor-to-ceiling curtains, which gently sweep the floor. →

affordable and easy to maintain, and the gorgeous random flecks of different shades of taupe, grey and beige give it a warm and rustic look.

WINDOW WOW Adding to the sense of spaciousness in the home is the light that floods into the living area – and upstairs landing – from the massive two-storey windows, making the space feel like an atrium. The windows also optimise the view of the lush garden, which, combined with the inclusion of plants in the interior, gives Antonino the feeling of being “immersed” in nature – which he loves.

HOME GALLERY While the generous living area on the ground floor – characterised by its lofty, void-like ceiling – has been decorated in a simple but sophisticated way for comfortable lounging, the cool, minimal style also suits the large room’s dual purpose as a showroom. Here, Antonino’s pieces – which are also exhibited in several galleries – sit in perfect harmony with classic furniture and lighting designs. On the ground floor, too, is the dining area and kitchen, while upstairs is the glorious landing, bedroom, bathroom and office, with a similar feeling of light and space. The former calculator-parts factory adds up to a fabulous multifunctional home – and for Antonino, it was an excellent score! 🏠



KEY
A Gate entrance B Home entrance C Hallway D Living area
E Dining F Kitchen G Courtyard H Stairs I Laundry
J Guest bedroom K Guest bathroom L Wardrobe M Workshop
N Master bedroom O Ensuite P Wardrobe Q Office R Spare room



Ocean dreaming
Blue tiles in the bathroom, reminiscent of the sea, offer a surprising contrast to the white colour scheme. A moody but restful artwork by Max Kuatty, propped effectively against the wall, also has a watery look.



Red alert
The artwork by Gaston Orellana adds vibrant colour and texture to the minimal space.

PAINTS
INTERIOR Porter's Paints Low Sheen Acrylic in **White**, \$98 for 4L.
FEATURE WALL Porter's Paints Low Sheen Acrylic in **Cygnat**, \$98 for 4L.

Industrial vibe
Factory timber/steel **display unit** with 5 shelves, \$968.40, Vavoom Emporium. 2.1m x 1.6m x 40cm.

WHITE

CYGNAT

Wiry...
Jill **dining table**, \$1370, Tait. 75cm diameter; powdercoated steel frame & top.



...works
Trädig steel **bowl** in Red, \$39.99, Ikea. 30cm diameter.

ANTONINO'S MOODBOARD Rustic meets designer on a white palette – with a colour hit!



FINISHES
BATHROOM FLOOR TILES
Reproduction in **Check (A)**: 20cm x 20cm, \$130 a sq m, Jataka Interiors.
BATHROOM WALL TILES
Bon Ton in **Green/White (B)**: 20cm x 20cm, \$165 a sq m, Di Lorenzo.
FLOOR TILES
Vera Black in **limestone** (travertine) with flamed finish **(C)**: 60cm, \$36.55 each, Schots Home Emporium.

Gorgeous greenery
Ficus lyrata **plant** (30cm), \$145, Garden Life. For similar pot, try standard **terracotta pot** (31cm), \$7.98, Masters Home Improvement.

Classic twist
Marble-top **table** with iron base in Red, \$769, Citta Design. 1.12m x 72cm x 41cm.

Swivel base
Replica Eames lounge **chair & ottoman**, \$797, Milano Republic Furniture. Made from walnut plywood & Italian leather.

Spice it up
Persisk Hamadan wool **rug**, \$399, Ikea. 2m x 80cm; hand-knotted. For stockists, see page 175.



Antonino in his workshop

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