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MANY OF OUR BEST ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE HAVE ONCE CALLED THE BUSH HOME. HERE, WE CELEBRATE THEIR WORK.

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GEORGIE LECKEY Heatherly Design

Based in an old woolshed on her 405-hectare farm in the Acheron Valley north of Melbourne, Georgie Leckey is never short of ideas for designing her unique bedheads.

"I look to nature for the perfect colour combinations. Be it a visit to the poultry pavilion at our local show — where the beauty of the pigeons' feathers can take your breath away — or the sight of purple Cootamundra wattle by the lake with its smoky blue leaves, aubergine foliage and seed pods like chandeliers. They're all works of art.

"Our latest collection of pure Belgian linen fabrics, teamed with a cross-stitch finish, has beauty in the raw at its heart. There is a clear resurgence in retreating to all that is natural. Where better to apply this than the sanctuary of a bedroom?"

