



1. DESIGN BASICS. An open floor plan is a hallmark of the look, along with high ceilings and multi-purpose spaces, such as a kitchen, living area and dining space all blended into one. Exposed surfaces or raw materials will give that 'repurposed' edge.

2. DO YOUR RESEARCH. Coveted warehouse conversions may feel 'raw' and open plan, but they still have an inherent sense of balance and proportion, with plenty of natural light and a floor plan that works. Working with a homebuilder that knows the subtleties of style and has an unerring eye for detail will ensure you get the result you're looking for.

3. BARE ESSENTIALS. Timber, stone or polished concrete floors all work well. A strategically selected wall in brick or concrete can become a conversation piece. 'Cold' metals such as tin, steel, iron and aluminium will add just the right touch of sleekness. When it comes to colour, play up the raw and the recycled with warm neutral tones. Room dividers will help separate spaces without detracting from the open-plan feel that typifies warehouse-inspired designs.

4. UTILITARIAN. In warehouse-inspired spaces it's about selecting pieces that are as much about function as they are about style. Mix it up by contrasting high-gloss metal finishes, for example, with rustic or vintage cabinets, countertops and furniture. Don't be afraid to expose pipes and ducts to make a strong style statement.

5. PERFECTLY IMPERFECT. Embrace the time worn, the original and the salvaged. Hunt around for objects that look as if they could have come straight from an old warehouse or factory, such as over-sized pendant lights and advertising signs. Don't be afraid of objects with a hint of rust, and seek out metallic finishes such as copper. Recycled timber, open storage and repurposed textiles highlight the warehouse vibe, while huge pieces of original art will help accentuate gallery-style spaces.

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