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# TRENDING



## Counting sheep

If you're struggling to get some shut-eye at night, it might be time for a new bed. Herdysleep's rollout mattresses are made from highly durable Herdwick sheep fleece, blended with cotton and cashmere. This sumptuous combination of sustainably sourced materials is hypoallergenic and helps regulate body temperature - ideal as we move into the warmer months. Handmade in Yorkshire and delivered as a bed-in-a-box, prices start from £649 for a single mattress.

[herdysleep.com](http://herdysleep.com)

Words: Yvette Murrell



**a:** Placemats and coasters, starting from £4.  
**b:** Circus mug, £15.50  
**c:** Fox and Rabbits teacup and saucer, £35.

## Characterful crockery

Looking for a playful addition to your dinnerware? These whimsical designs from Mister Berwyn are hand-painted by illustrator and founder Amy Brown. The range includes fine-bone china ceramics, placemats, tea towels, and lampshades, all made in Britain. We love the choice of woodland creatures on these quirky coasters.

[misterberwyn.com](http://misterberwyn.com)

### Brand lowdown:

# Optiplan Kitchens

#### Known for...

Bespoke designs, clever storage, and handcrafted kitchens. With every model manufactured in the UK from scratch, Optiplan Kitchens offer a truly tailored experience with full project management from design to installation.

#### The story...

Founded in 1984 by two school friends passionate about premium kitchen design, the mission was to revolutionise the market through expert craftsmanship and cutting-edge technology. Now, with a proud 30-year history and continued investment into product development and innovation, Optiplan Kitchens has grown from its original showroom in Farnham to one of the top kitchen retailers in the UK with showrooms across the country.

#### Shop...

Find your nearest showroom from 14 regional locations in counties such as Hampshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey, Greater Manchester, Staffordshire, Berkshire, and Wiltshire.

#### Don't miss...

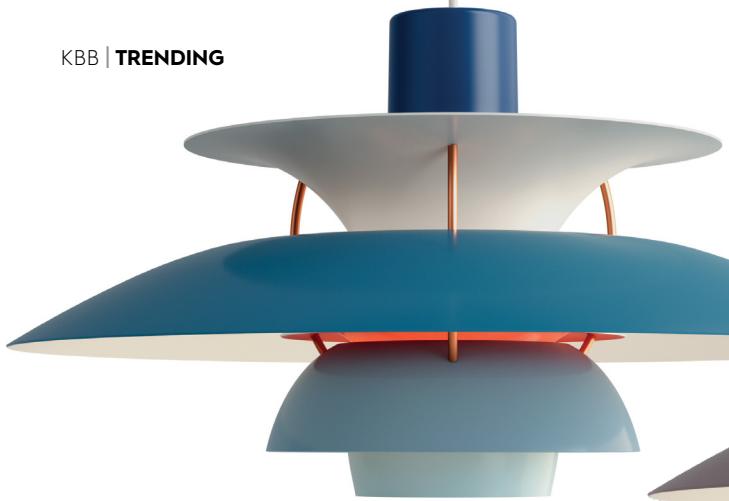
Eleven new collections, ranging from classic designs with finishes such as warm oak and walnut to contemporary units combining the latest interior trends, such as matt greys paired with graphic wood grains.

#### Follow...

@OptiplanKitchen

[optiplankitchens.co.uk](http://optiplankitchens.co.uk)





## Shining on

An instantly recognisable design icon, the PH5 pendant lamp turns 60 this year. To celebrate this milestone, Aram has teamed up with Danish manufacturer Louis Poulsen to release seven new multi-tonal versions alongside the classic white. The full-size is priced £624, while the PH5 Mini costs £444.

[aram.co.uk](http://aram.co.uk)



## Did you know?

*A quarter of homeowners wait at least six months before making an expensive purchase, according to ecommerce agency PushON. What's your next big buy likely to be?*

## Form and function

Inspired by the elegant shape of a perching bird, the Tailwater deck-mounted basin mixer is something of a work of art. The sculptured statement tap has been designed by Italian duo DanelonMeroni for Artize – a luxury bathroom brand from India which came to the UK earlier this year – and costs around £595.

[artize.com](http://artize.com)

Editor's pick





## Get the luxe look

Who doesn't want style at an affordable price? Surface specialist Bushboard is making achieving a luxury finish in your home even easier, with the Nuance range of laminate bathroom wall panels. Available in 17 different quartz-, calacatta-, and Travertine-effect finishes, all panels in the collection have a seamless tongue-and-groove edge making them easy to install and are guaranteed to be totally waterproof. Expect to pay around £250 per 1200mm x 2420mm panel.

[bushboard.co.uk](http://bushboard.co.uk)



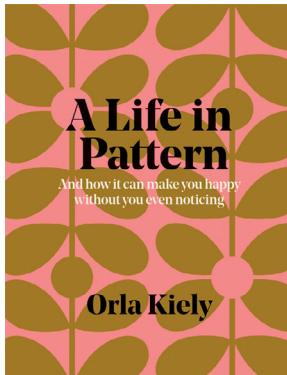
## Hotel style

Rye Pottery has teamed up with renowned boutique private members club chain Soho House, to design a stylish lamp base for its new hotel in Wood Lane, London – and now you can get the look for your own bedside. The Soho Stripe lamp, from £350, is available from the Mid-century Modern collection in medium and large. [ryepottery.co.uk](http://ryepottery.co.uk)

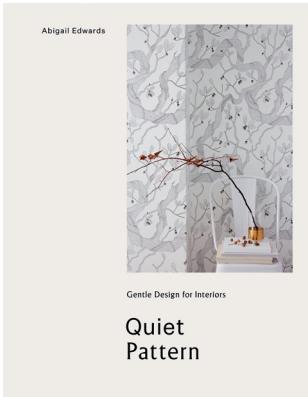
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## Books on pattern

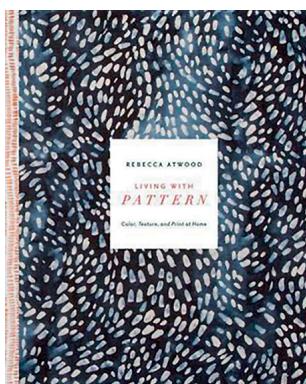
Inspiring reads to help you bring a little more colour and print into your interior schemes.



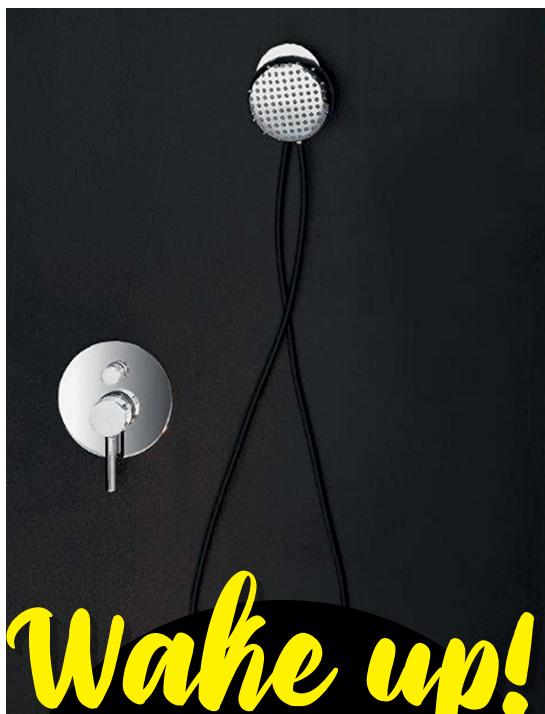
A Life in Pattern by Orla Kiely, £25, Octopus Publishing. [octopusbooks.co.uk](http://octopusbooks.co.uk)



Quiet Pattern: Gentle Design for Interiors by Abigail Edwards, £20, Clearview. [clearviewpublishing.com](http://clearviewpublishing.com)



Living With Pattern by Rebecca Atwood, £28, Random House. [penguinrandomhouse.com](http://penguinrandomhouse.com)



## Wake up!

It may look like a retro microphone ready for an impromptu performance, but the Watercandy is in fact an innovative handheld shower. It can also be used as a massager for an invigorating experience (yes please!) thanks to its back strap and silicon nozzles.

Designed Ludovica+Roberto Palomba for Zucchetti.Kos, price on application.

[zucchettikos.it/en](http://zucchettikos.it/en)



## 60 seconds with...



## Kirsty Thomas

We catch up with the co-founder of Tom Pigeon, a Fife-based creative studio that's big on bold and beautiful design

### How did you create Tom Pigeon?

I founded the brand in 2014, along with my husband Pete Thomas. We are both from design background and were keen to create simple, crafted, and affordable pieces we would want in our own home. We work across print, jewellery, stationary, and homeware, so we don't feel tied to one particular area of design. Our aim is to create pieces inspired by colour, shape, form, and materials.

### What inspires you?

We live in Arncroach – a remote village on the East Coast of Fife, Scotland – so look a lot to our local geography. The colours of the sea and sky, the structure of harbours, and the shipwrecks washed up on our beaches are all sources of inspiration. But we also have a longstanding love for Modernism and Brutalist architecture, hence the many geometric styles in our ranges.

### What is your favourite thing about the design process?

Getting messy! I love the early stages of creating when I'll sketch out ideas, create a



collage, or paint new shapes and compositions. A lot of our work is developed digitally, so it is always nice to get my hands dirty.

### What's your home like?

Eclectic. We love Mid-century furniture, bold colours, simple spaces, and small collections of objects that remind us of our travels, people we've met, and places we love.

### What's your advice to anyone looking to update their home?

Keep it simple. Start with a good canvas. Choose your room colour carefully and curate with pieces you truly love. Don't go out and buy an entire 'look' – instead, develop your own style over time by combining new pieces with vintage finds.

### Where can people find your work?

Take a look at our website and also follow what's happening on Instagram @tom\_pigeon.

[tompigeon.com](http://tompigeon.com)



## Parisian style

French tiling brand La Maison Bahya has paved its way to the UK, and we couldn't be more excited. The swoon-worthy collection of handmade encaustic cement tiles is available in more than 20 patterns and 72 colours – such as the Bossa patterned tile in Blush 2, shown – plus there is a range of designer collaborations and a custom design service, too. Prices start from £200 per sq m.

[bahya-deco.com/en](http://bahya-deco.com/en)

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# Trend alert: Terrazzo

The retro speckled stone-effect look is making a big comeback – and it is no longer confined simply to surfaces...



1 Razzo Terazzo drop cap pendant, £35, BHS. [bhs.com](http://bhs.com) 2 Retrostone Silk worktop surface, price on application, Neolith. [neolith.com](http://neolith.com) 3 Blanc Terrazzo Sham cushion cover, £14 for a pair, BHS. [bhs.com](http://bhs.com) 4 Terrazzo Pink wallpaper, £50 per 10m roll, Graham & Brown. [grahambrown.com](http://grahambrown.com) 5 Terrazzo rug in Marble measuring 140 x 200cm, £239.00, Nubie. [nubie.co.uk](http://nubie.co.uk) 6 Terrazzo tins in Rose by Ferm Living, £30 for a set of three, Amara. [amara.com](http://amara.com) 7 White Terrazzo pot, £40, Room 356. [room356.co.uk](http://room356.co.uk) 8 Aubri toothbrush holder, £45, Out There Interiors. [outhereinteriors.com](http://outhereinteriors.com)



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## Refined style

Famed French interior designer Christiane Lemieux has created a range of luxury homewares – and the bedroom collection has caught our eye. The Living collection includes a selection of stylish sofas, rugs, lighting, storage, and accessories, all with a distinct Mid-century aesthetic. Shown here are the Gibson bedside table, £349; matching five-drawer tallboy, £949; and Gibson double bed, £1199. Complete the look with Trellis bedding, priced £80 for a double set. [livingbychristianelemieux.com](http://livingbychristianelemieux.com)



## Golden touch

Give your bathroom a quick seasonal update with these on-trend metallic light pulls from Pushka Home, priced £15 each. With a dimpled texture, they're great for adding a touch of tactile luxe.

[pushkahome.com](http://pushkahome.com)

# Design hub

Be among the first to get a glimpse of up-and-coming designer work at The Studio by Houseology. Exclusively online, shop capsule collections, request bespoke commissions from the designers themselves, and get to know some of the makers behind big brands such as Vitra, Kartell, and Bespoke Atelier. Head to Houseology's website to discover what's new this month.



1: Glasshouse Dawn Reflection wallpaper by Bespoke Atelier, £159.

2: Fosse solid oak desk by Namon Gaston, £3790.

3: Govan by David Watson dining table, £3165, and oak and leather bench, £1611.

4: British Heirlooms Irish Wolfhound cushion by Graven, £115.

[houseology.com/studio-collection](http://houseology.com/studio-collection)

## Showroom showcase:

# Searle & Taylor

### What's new?

In time for the brand's 25th anniversary, the Winchester showroom has been given a major revamp and now features the Signature and Handmade Bespoke collections to suit traditional and contemporary styles alike – great if you're torn between the two!

### Where is it?

Southgate Street, Winchester city centre.

### Why go?

If you're looking for luxury, this is the showroom for you. Speak to the in-house designers to find the perfect style for your home and spot the unique features on offer. We're impressed by the Intuo kitchen (shown) with its oxidised metallic finish and stylish glass display.

### Don't miss...

Demonstrations on a whole host of high-end appliances from the likes of Gaggenau, Miele, and Novy.

[searle-taylor.co.uk](http://searle-taylor.co.uk)



## Waste not

Angie Parker's Bodacious eco-rugs are handwoven using yarn made from recycled plastics bottles but look and feel like real wool underfoot. Unlike pure wool, these rugs are completely washable and can be used outdoors as well as inside - great for a busy kitchen or a conservatory in need of a pop of colour. Priced from £295 for a 150 x 90cm rug.

[angieparkertextiles.com](http://angieparkertextiles.com)



## Colour coding

Check out Victoria + Albert Baths's nifty new online tool, which allows you to view bathtubs and basins on the site in different colour finishes within a real bathroom setting – ideal if you've decided you want to inject some colour into your space, but are unsure which shade to go for. Simply hover your mouse over any one of the seven finishes available to see what they would look like.

[vandabaths.com](http://vandabaths.com)

## Shopping destination

John Lewis has opened its 50th UK store at Westfield London, White City. Experience is at the heart of the latest addition, with opportunities to sign up to workshops and design advice appointments, attend cooking demonstrations, and try out the latest coffee blends, plus speak to in-store experts on choosing the best home designs for you – whether that be a new kitchen, fitted bedroom, or a new mattress. We'd spare an hour or two if we were you – enough time to try out the in-store Apple smart home and get your interiors fix. Plus, did we mention there's a Smith & Sinclair edible cocktail bar? See you there. [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com)

## Timeless twist

Arbor is Harvey Jones's latest cabinetry range, designed to bridge the gap between contemporary and traditional. Subtle Shaker-style detailing throughout – including banquet seating, cabinets, and islands – is a clever update on a look that will be in style for years to come. All pieces can be painted in a colour finish of your choice. Bespoke storage options are available, too, so you can get it just right. Harvey Jones kitchens start from £18,000. [harveyjones.com](http://harveyjones.com)



## Cooking on gas

Do you like gas, electric or induction? Whatever your preference, you can now enjoy the best of two worlds with Caple's induction and gas combination hob. This frameless design, sitting flush in your worktop, features one large gas wok burner and four induction zones complete with digital display, flame safety device, and a programmable timer for each induction zone. The C896iBK hob costs £1425. [caple.co.uk](http://caple.co.uk)

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