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Work of art

Ever seen a rug so beautiful you didn't want to walk on it? A striking design above a bed gives the illusion of a grand headboard. Brink and Campman's Tipi rug, from £259 for a 140 x 200 cm size, The Rug Seller.

therugseller.co.uk



Use your head

The right choice of headboard can make a huge difference to your room scheme, bringing style and personality to your space or creating a stand-out focal point. Pastel colours are hot this summer, so we love Furl's Tetris headboard, £495 for a double bed size. furl.co.uk



Charming bunch

Translated from Italian, Ceraunavolta – the name of Karman's new cluster pendants, which look like a bouquet of flowers – means 'once upon a time'. Shown here in Tiffany Blue and available in compositions of 12, 17, or 22, priced from £3030 from Naken. naken.co.uk



Pretty patterns

Hand printing their designs in Derbyshire, husband-and-wife team David and Catherine Cross are the makers behind March & May, creating beautiful patterned fabrics using high-quality Belgian linen. Prices start from £98 for their single-colour fabrics, with a minimum order of three metres. march-may.co.uk

Funky fabric

Kitty McCall – a British graphic designer best known for her bold use of colour – has teamed up with Arlo & Jacob to create this bright chair. Only a limited number of the cheerful seat are available in the designer's popular Canary print, priced £650, so be quick to get yours. arloandjacob.com



Retro wave

You'd be forgiven for saying not all extractors are as stylish as they are practical. But Caple's DD925CO Nosta downdraft extractor fan brings a new bold look to the appliance design. Its jukebox appearance comes in a copper and black glass finish and boasts four speed settings. Measuring 880mm-wide x 370mm-high x 130mm-deep (plus 704mm into base cabinet), it costs £2243. What do you make of this style? caple.co.uk

Strong roots

Celebrating its 25th year, flooring specialist Ted Todd started as Edwards Cheshire in 1993, with a focus on reclaiming wooden floors from old factories and cotton mills across the north of England. Today, the brand continues to give woods a new lease of life, sourcing all types of the material, from original Victorian floorboards to bourbon barrels, farm carts, and fishing boats for use as stylish floors. From the Rare Finds collection, shown is Serang teak, price on application. tedtodd.co.uk

Showroom showcase:

Porcelanosa

What's new?

The internationally renowned Spanish ceramic brand has opened its new showroom in Reading.

Where is it?

21 Rose Kiln Lane, Reading, Berkshire.

Why go?

Not only is there a wide array of tiles, stones, and woods, but complete bathroom and kitchen ranges too – including appliances. Speak to the in-store design team to get help with picking out the perfect tiles and bring together a complete new kitchen.

Don't miss...

Bathtubs, panels, sinks, and showertrays all made from Krion solid surface, a composite material made by Systempool, of Porcelanosa Group. It has the look and feel of natural stone, but is non-porous so is highly durable and easy to keep clean.

porcelanosa.com



3 of the latest...

luxury freestanding basins

Make a tall statement in your bathroom with one of these slender designs.



Colonna stone basin, £6511.20, Indigenous. indigenous.co.uk



Adda freestanding basin, £4674.82, Salvatori. salvatori.it



Oval Couture freestanding circular washbasin in Elephant Grey, £4273, Bette. bette.de/en



Mix and match

Keep your taps on-trend with fittings you can swap in and out at any time. System is the latest range of luxurious basin mixers designed by sculptural artist Arik Levy for THG Paris. Available in chrome, nickel, and gold, it comes with marble, crystal, and metallic feature rings you can change to suit your scheme. Prices start from £925 for a monobloc mixer in chrome. thg-paris.com



Go faux

Plants are proving more popular in the home than ever, particularly in the bathroom. But in a space that, generally speaking, doesn't see much daylight, upkeep can be difficult. Thankfully for those not so green fingered, the latest collection of faux plants from Marks & Spencer look just like the real deal. Prices start from £9.50 for a small cactus up to £99 for a large ficus tree. marksandspencer.com

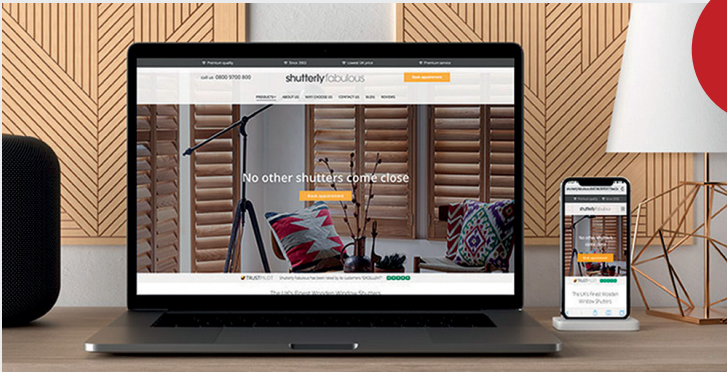


Dream design

When Charlie Smallbone, founder of luxury kitchen brand Smallbone of Devizes, bumped into long-time friend and Devol's founder Paul O'Leary last year, it sparked the idea for a collaboration. And it has since developed into the Elemental kitchen, available from Devol. Featuring patina copper door panels, rustic dark woods, and Crittall-style framing, the collection is every bit as bold as it is elegant. A bespoke design starts at £50,000. devolkitchens.co.uk

Go online... shutterlyfabulous.com

Revamped and restyled, the new Shutterly Fabulous website not only includes plenty of inspirational imagery, but offers lots of helpful advice on how to choose the right shutters for your home, too – such as which style would fit your space and practical points on choosing paints and finishes as well as installation.



Click here



“The trend for metallic finishes isn't going anywhere soon – if anything, I've noticed warm brass and copper featuring on more designs. Mix tones for a modern look that feels relaxed rather than too pristine.”
Elinor Stephens,
editorial assistant

Looking sharp ▶

Ask any chef what they couldn't live without, and the answer will most likely be a good set of knives. Furi, an Australian brand that has been tried and tested by the likes of Nigella Lawson, is now available in the UK – so you can cook like the pros in your own home. The Furi Pro wood knife block set is priced £199.

furiglobal.com



“The base of this Jett table lamp is not only made of on-trend terrazzo, but is the perfect size for a bedside table. Available in pink or grey; £29, from Made.” made.com



Blend in

The subtle mix of cool metal tones and warm coppers on Kohler's new Ombré bathroom tap is, it has to be said, a thing of beauty. Available from West One Bathrooms, price on application.

westonebathrooms.co.uk

60 seconds with...

Tom Howley

We catch up with the man behind his eponymous kitchen brand to talk furniture and dreams of being a rockstar....



How did you start your company?

I've always had a keen eye for design and enjoyed making things. My childhood was very hands-on, working on farms in Balla, County Mayo, and I had an apprenticeship as a cabinetmaker while at school. Years later, after

a job interview for a kitchen design company, I saw a vacant shopfront and decided to take a chance.

What is your favourite thing about working as a designer?

I love creating furniture that looks as though it has always belonged there. A perfect kitchen needs to be balanced, with symmetry if possible, and cabinetry the right scale for the room. My design process fuses mathematics and creative intuition.

If you weren't designing kitchens, what would you be doing?

I'd like to think I could have been a rockstar – I play the accordion and bass guitar as part of a band in my spare time.

What trends are you seeing in kitchen design this year?

While the classic style of Tom Howley kitchens doesn't change, our colour palette is defined by trend forecasts and the design team's research. I can see dark green taking the industry by storm, but warm grey will continue to dominate. It's so effortlessly chic and can be glamorous and relaxed as well as combined with bolder shades.

Any tips on creating an open-plan kitchen space?

A wide island counter or baker's table will provide a generous, welcoming, multi-functional gathering place, especially when lined with bar stools.

What's your kitchen like?

It's a social space for my family to use as the hub of our home. It's where we eat, talk, and socialise, so has a large island counter, which I absolutely love.

tomhowley.co.uk



Albemarle Coleridge wallpaper in blue, £100 per 10m roll, Cole & Son. cole-and-son.com

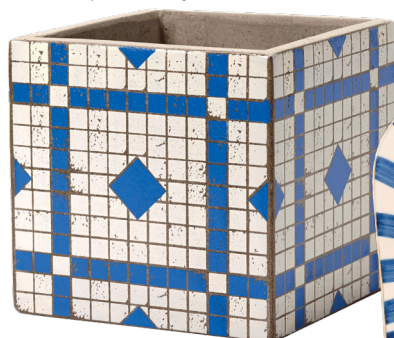


Epirus cushion cover, £145, Oka. oka.com

Double layer Dot Bud ceramic vase in Indigo White, £75, Wicklewood. wicklewood.com



Misto handmade ceramic tiles, £46.80 per 14 x 14 cm tile, Lapidica. lapidica.com



Serax Marie mosaic blue and white square plant pot, £22, Amara. amara.com



Divina Cucina extractor hood by Dolce & Gabbana for Smeg, price on application. smeguk.com

V&A Morgan blue decor wall tile, £8.40 per tile, British Ceramic Tile. britishceramictile.com



TREND ALERT

Artistic influence

It's a style most recognised on decorative glazed pottery dating back to 14th-century China, but has since inspired recreations in cultures all around the world. From Danish delftware to Santorini style, bold cobalt blues and porcelain whites paired together within intricate patterns create an elegant, timeless look. And when we spotted these gorgeous Smeg x Dolce & Gabbana appliances in Italy earlier this year, we knew this ornamental style was making a strong comeback.



Divina Cucina range cooker by Dolce & Gabbana for Smeg, price on application. smeguk.com



Madeline porcelain basin, £800, London Basin Company. londonbasincompany.com



Hibernica ceramic tile round vinyl floor mat, £180, Amara. amara.com



Floral print door knob, £4.99 for a pack of two, Zara Home. zarahome.com



Ceramic wall mirror, £49.50, Oliver Bonas. oliverbonas.com



Scandi blue and white porcelain jug, £20, The Contemporary Home. tch.net



Peony Play sideboard, £3749, Mineheart. mineheart.com

This month, don't miss...

London Design Festival

Be the first to see exciting new concepts and interiors looks in the capital this September and find inspiration for your kitchen, bedroom and bathroom projects over a week of events. There are nine design districts across London: Bankside, Fitzrovia, Pimlico Road, Brompton, Marylebone, Mayfair, West Kensington, Shoreditch Design Triangle, and Clerkenwell Design Quarter. Here's our insider guide...

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Design destinations



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Focus/18

Where: Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour

Look out for: Bright and bold colours – the common theme running between all exhibitors at this year's event. The Design Centre is a central hub for interior design and architecture, so you won't be leaving short of ideas and inspiration from the structure to the décor.

When: Sunday 16 – Friday 21 September, 10am–6pm.

Tickets: Register online for free entry.

dccch.co.uk/Focus18-Registration

POP-UP: Meridiani tour

Celebrating the recent opening of its London flagship store, you will be able to visit the showroom any day during London Design Festival. The Italian brand is best known for sophisticated and stylish furniture, including sofas, chairs, and beds. Located opposite the V & A Museum in South Kensington, the showroom is open Monday to Saturday 10am until 7pm, and Sunday 12pm until 6pm from 15 to 23 September.

meridiani.it



POP-UP: London Interior Show

Brand new for 2018, the London Interior Show is bringing together a collective of luxury fabric and interior brands at The Chelsea Harbour Hotel. Check out the likes of Andrew Martin, Ian Mankin, Baker & Gray, and Linwood on Sunday 16 and Monday 17 September between 9.30am and 6pm. Register online for free entry.

londoninteriorshow.com



Decorex

Where: Syon Park, Isleworth

Look out for: Tasteful textiles and ideas for bringing your décor moodboards together. The show has been running every year since 1978, and it is here you'll be able to get the chance to speak to high-end interior design experts as well as experience interactive demonstrations from a variety of makers throughout the day.

When: Tuesday 18 September

Tickets: £30 for one person, £25 for every added person.

decorex.com

London Design Fair

Where: Old Truman Brewery, Shoreditch Design Triangle

Look out for: The fair predominantly showcases up-and-coming independent designers and studios, but well-established global interior brands feature too. It's the most international show of London Design Festival, with 26 country-specific design pavilions on offer. Not only will you see an eclectic mix of new designs, but also plenty of innovative and sustainable uses of plastic – which was announced as the show's Material of the Year.

When: Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 Sept

Tickets: £10 in advance, £15 on the door.

londondesignfair.co.uk



POP-UP: Bethan Gray in conversation with Fiona McCarthy

To celebrate the launch of Anthropologie's collaboration with award-winning Welsh designer Bethan Gray, lifestyle journalist Fiona McCarthy will be leading an talk with her at the Regent Street store. To enjoy a drink, chat, and shop on 18 September, 6pm to 8pm, reserve your free spot via email – community@anthropologie.eu.

anthropologie.com/en-gb



POP-UP: Kent & London workshop

Do you have a keen eye for design? This year, British kitchen and interiors brand Kent & London is welcoming visitors into its Shoreditch workshop to try their hand at furniture design. With help from the expert design team, you will have the opportunity to create a digital design sketch, which will be put to the public to vote on Instagram using the hashtag #WellMadeLDF18. The winning design will be refined and produced by Kent & London, and awarded to the winner. Spaces are free but limited, so book your place online now.

kentandlondon.co.uk

100% Design

Where: Olympia London, West Kensington Design District

Look out for: Innovative, contemporary, and bold design ideas. The show is returning for its 24th edition with an exciting new addition: 100% Forward will celebrate the work of eight highly talented emerging designers across furniture, product, lighting, and textiles.

When: Saturday 22 September, 10am to 5pm.

Tickets: £15 in advance.

100percentdesign.co.uk

designjunction

Where: OxoTower Wharf, Doon Street, and Riverside Walkway, Bankside Design District

Look out for: An inspiring mix of open-door showrooms, exhibitions, and outdoor installations across the South Bank. More than 200 brands will be showcasing their latest products – and there will be plenty of places to eat and drink in between, too.

When: Thursday 20 – Sunday 23 September

Tickets: £16, booking advised.

thedesignjunction.co.uk

