

Design notes

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Designer dreaming

Add high-end style to your space with Devon-based manufacturer Vispring's latest bed design; a collaboration with Missoni Home, renowned for its unmistakably colourful and vibrant aesthetic. This limited collection comprises designs featuring the Italian fashion house's iconic patterns, including the statement Artemis headboard and Prestige divan upholstered in Santafe 174 fabric. Complete the look with coordinating cushions and throws. The bed and headboard cost £10,758.

vispring.com



Return of the floral

This year, we'll see the return of feminine florals – that's according to wallpaper specialists Graham & Brown. The trend forecasters there have picked Pierre, a graceful, pretty, and muted print, as their wallpaper of the year. Inspired by both the catwalk trend for bold florals and the Magnolia tree (named after botanist Pierre Magnol) the delicately hand-painted motif has been applied to a new wallpaper collection, with the metallic details giving it a modern edge. Pierre Pink, £40 per roll. grahambrown.com



Extended family

Expecting guests this festive season? Make sure you have enough room around the dining table with a stylish extending model which ensures there's plenty of space for both a feast and a sea of friendly faces. Calligaris's Omnia glass table meets the ongoing marble trend, but its classic walnut veneer legs make it a timeless piece set to prove practical year after year. Measuring 100 x 180cm, it extends to a length of 240cm and seats 10 when fully open. It is priced £2509. calligaris.co.uk

Design icon



The Omkstak chair is as popular as ever – in fact, the simple style has been continually in production ever since the first was made in 1972. Designed by Rodney Kinsman, founder of furniture brand OMK, the lightweight, stackable steel chair is one of the 20th century's most enduring designs. Not only has it found a place in homes all over the world, it is also part of the permanent collections in both the Design Museum London and the V&A. Now available in a range of colours, in addition to the original black, grey and white, the chair costs £185. omk1965.com



Designers to watch

Who?

Fiona Duke and Karen Knox, interior designers from Chelmsford and Leeds.

What?

After building a friendship on Instagram over a mutual love for all things home-related, Fiona and Karen founded the Interior Design Collective (IDC) – an online directory of independent interior designers from across the country.

Why?

Fiona and Karen spotted a gap in the market for celebrating smaller design companies across the whole of the UK. They wanted to find a way for homeowners to access local creatives more easily, so they set up the IDC as a friendly, sociable and inspirational platform.

Where?

Head to interiordesigncollective.co.uk to search for designers in your area and see projects from members to inspire your home redesign. For regular updates, follow @interiordesigncollective on Instagram or @thelDCuk on Twitter.

Look out for...

More independent interior designers joining the collective soon.

Their style in three words...

Eclectic. Homely. Fun.

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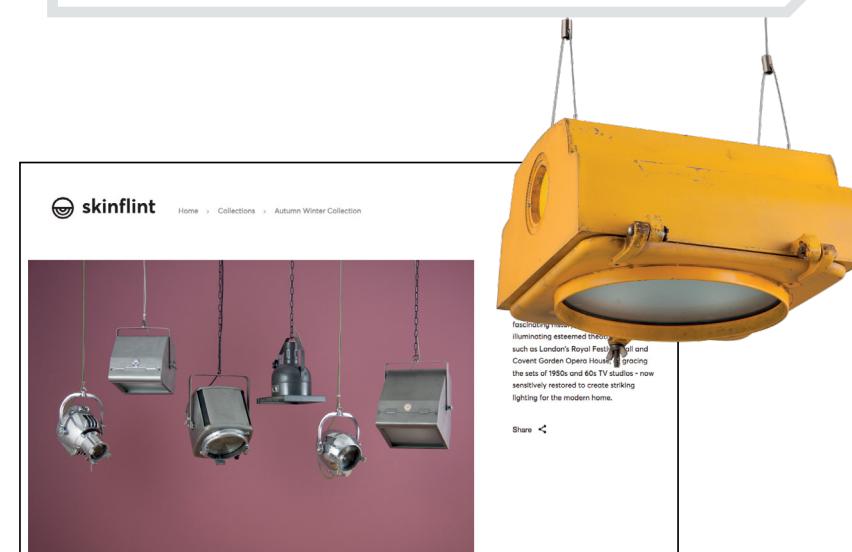
Playful prints

Multivork and MissPrint have teamed up to create a vibrant collection of five cool fabrics. Available in an array of bright colourways, they can be upholstered onto any of Multivork's sofas or chairs. Pictured (from left to right) are the Alpine chair in Foxglove Boleyn, £1129, Alfie chair in Ditto Liquorice, £1049, Ambleside chair in Garden City Putty, £1299, and Halstead chair in Dandelion Mobile Sunflower, £899. Just lovely. multivork.co.uk

Did you know?

A recent survey conducted by Showers to You found 76% of people believe quality wall and floor tiles with good grouting add the most value to a bathroom.

showersstoyou.co.uk



Click here... Skinflintdesign.com

If you love industrial style, you'll love Skinflint and the brand's new website. A great destination to satisfy any lighting needs, each piece is salvaged from across the UK and Europe and carefully restored to create focal points with a story to tell. Pendants found at decommissioned factories in Eastern Europe and ones dating back to 1960s Birmingham are only some of the interesting styles on offer.



Family-friendly dishwasher

Forget endlessly sterilising and cleaning your baby's bottles, toys and bowls by hand: Indesit's new dishwashers feature a dedicated BabyCare cycle, cleaning dishes in one hour and eliminating 99.9% of bacteria. Better yet, they also come with a fun and practical BabyZoo accessory kit – BPA-free shapes designed to secure teats and dummies so they don't move around. The Indesit eXtra DFP 58T96 Z full-size dishwasher (shown) costs £399. indesit.co.uk



Light it up

Add an air of sophistication to your dining area with Hyde, David Hunt Lighting's latest collection. Described by creative director Hollie Moreland as "a mix of contemporary designs with a nostalgic nod to mid-century modern style", the focal-point pieces are made from brass with hand-spun metal shades. Available in four of Marston and Langinger's paint finishes – Arctic White, Pebble, Smoke Blue and black – the collection includes various sizes of ceiling lights, pendants and wall lights – including the Hyde 18-light pendant in Arctic White (shown), priced £1710. davidhunlighting.co.uk

How to spend it: Washing machines

Tired of waiting for laundry loads to finish?
You'll love these latest fast-action models...



Samsung's new QuickDrive technology can complete a full load of washing in only 39 minutes, and it promises to deliver excellent results every time. Alongside the speedy setting, the AddWash function allows you to pop items into the cycle at any time – great if you've dropped a sock on the stairs. The WW8800M model shown here is priced £1629. samsung.com



Beko's latest range of washing machines can now wash up to 12kg – the equivalent of 60 shirts – in just 28 minutes. Not only that, but the WY104PB44TW model shown, priced £529, comes with AirTherapy technology, preventing clothes from smelling damp if left in the drum for too long. And we can all admit to doing that, can't we? beko.co.uk

► Bespoke worksurfaces

Make sure your worktop perfectly complements your kitchen by choosing a unique design. Using traditional stone casting techniques, Olivia Aspinall Studio can tailor each surface to exact colour requirements, matching the flecks to units, tiles and more. You can also choose the base colour and the detail's shape – like large pieces of colour or straight lines. A bespoke table top, worksurface, and tiling service is available, while the latest in-house designs include Chip, Crush, and Stick, as shown. From £800 per sq m.

olivia-aspinal.com



▼ Smart showering

What's your perfect shower setting? Whether you like it steaming hot and powerful or prefer a gentle, gradually warming flow, Triton's newest innovation lets you create user profiles for the ideal experience every time. The Host digital mixer, available in black (shown), white or grey, features three customisable pre-sets which can be programmed from 16 temperature and 10 water flow levels, plus an optional wireless start/stop control with warm-up feature which can be placed in the bedroom. The slim-profile control panel can be positioned anywhere within 10m of the mixer box, so this can be conveniently hidden in a loft, airing cupboard or even behind a bath panel. Priced £380.

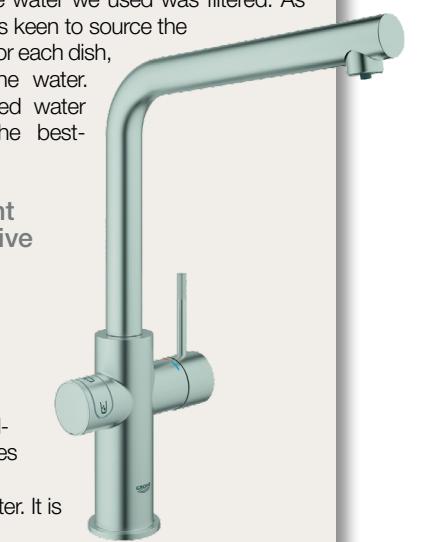
tritonshowers.co.uk



One ingredient you couldn't live without?
Salt.

grohe.co.uk

Right: The Grohe Blue Home filtered-water tap dispenses still, sparkling, and semi-sparkling water. It is priced £2039.



60 seconds with...



Ed Baines

The restaurateur (randellandaubin.com), TV chef and author is working with Grohe to develop recipes for the Grohe Blue Home tap.

What makes a good chef's kitchen?

Plenty of surface space. Traditional kitchens have a big working table where all the prep is done. And even in modern kitchens it's a design philosophy that makes all the difference. Make sure you incorporate as much worktop space as possible in any kitchen design. Personally, I don't like cupboard doors as I think they can be dirty, because you tend to grab handles when you're cooking and there is the potential for bacteria to spread. So I veer towards easily accessible open shelving, which makes a kitchen more efficient and can look stylish too. In terms of layout, the cook should be positioned away from where you put crockery and cutlery, and cooking equipment should always be to hand and near to where your cooker is. Place the sink by the cooker, too, because they work hand in hand.

What is your must-have kitchen tool?

Chefs know you get more experience doing everything by hand. With this in mind, I believe few kitchen gadgets are worth the investment. The only thing I couldn't live without is an electric pasta maker, because it frees up both hands, and a mixing machine with a whisk – because life is too short!

What are the benefits of using filtered water when cooking?

When I cooked Italian food at Daphne's in South Kensington, all the water we used was filtered. As a chef, I am always keen to source the finest ingredients for each dish, which includes the water. Using purer, filtered water helps produce the best-tasting results.

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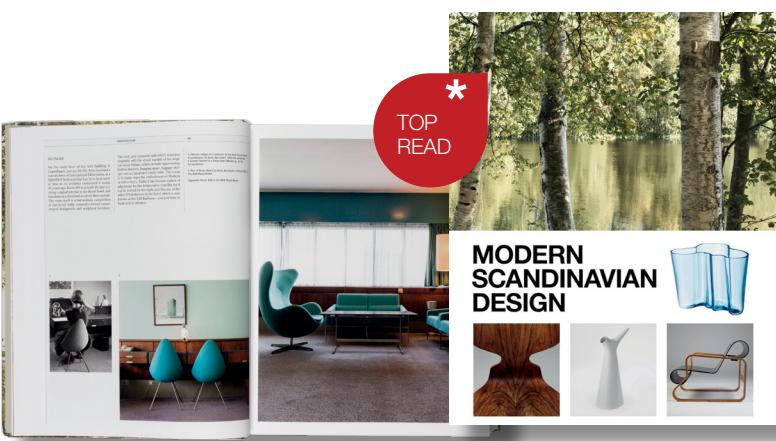
You're so vain!

A statement basin and equally stunning vanity make a perfectly pretty pair. The London Basin Company, best known for its decorative basins, now offers three stands, as well as a selection of tops, a choice of on-trend metallic finishes, and the option of a tall upstand and mirror or additional shelving. Here, the gold metallic-finished Hugo stand, £1200, with its handy glass shelf, is paired with the hand-painted porcelain Henrietta basin, £760. londonbasincompany.com



Talking trash

Say "open can" and this clever voice-activated bin from Simplehuman will open up, ready to receive your waste – high-tech and hygienic, because it is completely hands-free. The 58-litre rectangular brushed steel bin will lift its lid on command and stay open until you've finished, thanks to a movement sensor. Tidy. £229.99. simplehuman.com/uk



Modern Scandinavian Design by Charlotte and Peter Fiell

Scandi living has been at the height of popularity for some time now, but where did it all begin? In *Modern Scandinavian Design*, Skandium co-founder Magnus Englund and design experts Charlotte and Peter Fiell explore the history of Scandinavian design from the early 20th century to the present day, covering all aspects from textiles to architecture. Filled with inspiration, this beautifully illustrated hardback book is a coffee table must-have. Available from Laurence King, £60. laurenceking.com



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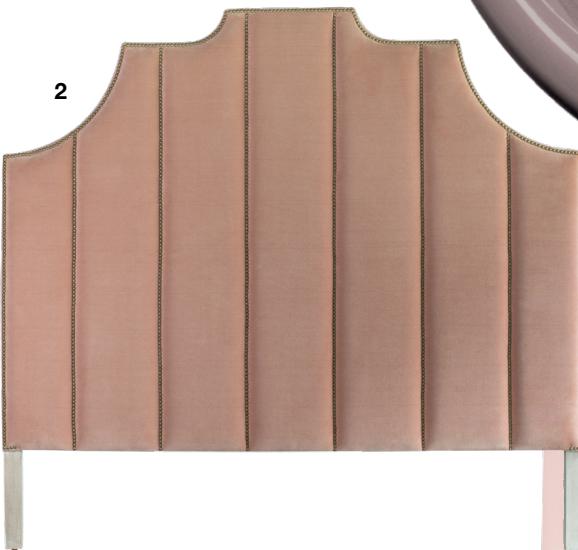
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Trend alert: Heart Wood

Set to be the hottest new neutral, Dulux's colour of the year 2018 is a warm, heathery hue with subtle pink undertones. Incorporate it into your home by pairing with cream and brown shades, or go for a vibrant look and combine with rich greens and blues. We heart it.



Top
2018
trend *



1 Bramble cotton bedspread, £140, John Lewis. johnlewis.com 2 Coco headboard in Champagne Pink velvet, £399, Atkin & Thyme. atkinandthyme.co.uk 3 Heart Wood mixing matt emulsion, £25.72 for 2.5 litres, Dulux. dulux.co.uk 4 Argento Flora toaster in Peony Rose, £84.99, De'Longhi. delonghi.com 5 Fern Grape made-to-measure roller blinds, from £75, Style Studio. stylestudio.co.uk 6 Estela mini bowl in mauve, £7, Oliver Bonas. oliverbonas.com 7 Blade Heather rug, £600, Harvey Norman. harvey-norman.co.uk 8 Parisienne Filippe grey tile, £102 per sq m, Stone & Ceramic Warehouse. stoneandceramicwarehouse.co.uk 9 Tubby Tub bath in Heart Wood, £1696, The Albion Bath Company. albionbathco.com

Brand lowdown: Stepevi

Known for...

Contemporary and elegant rug designs made using traditional Turkish weaving methods, but with a modern aesthetic and colourway.

The story...

Founded in 2005 by husband and wife team Cem Sengör and Aysegul Yurekli Sengör, Stepevi hit the high street when it launched its flagship store on King's Road, London. But the company's history begins much earlier, in 1919 – when Cem's grandfather and his great uncle began a traditional handwoven carpet trade business in Istanbul. It grew into Step, one of the city's household names. Growing up alongside the business, Cem gained an in-depth knowledge of the carpet-making industry, which helped propel Stepevi into the modern day interior design industry across the UK, France, Italy, Germany, New York, and Dubai, with top interior designers amongst its loyal fans.

Shop...

At the King's Road flagship store, which is now in its 12th year. Or seek out the brand's international showrooms in Paris, Milan, Munich, New York, and Dubai. Plus, view the full collection and UK stockists at stepevi.com.

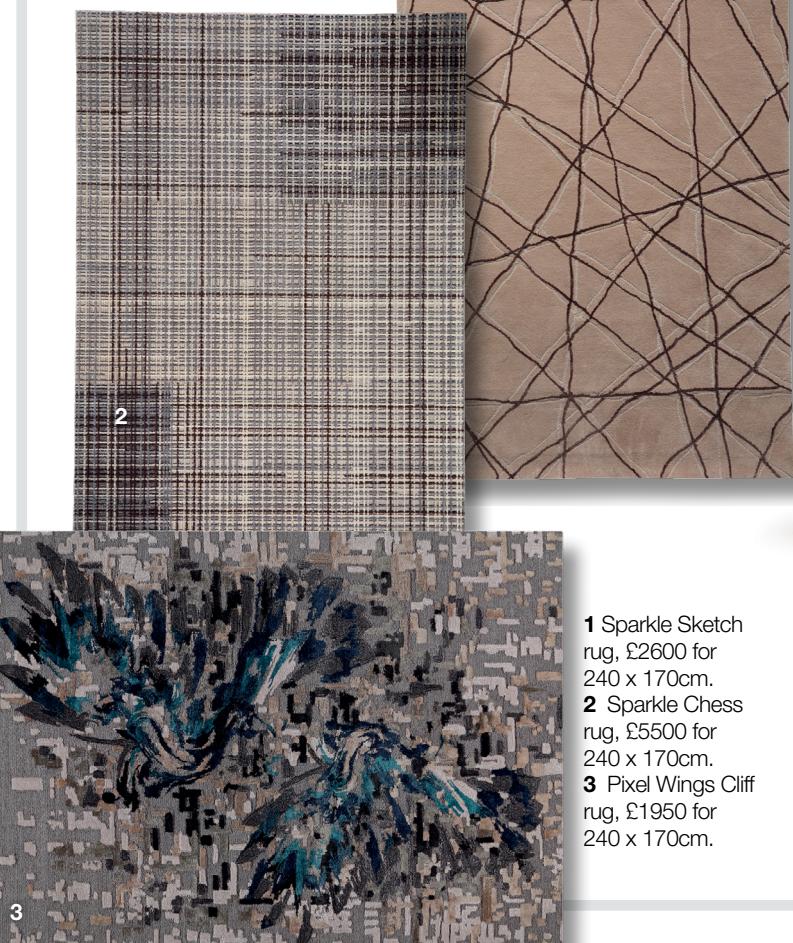
Don't miss...

The Sparkle collection launched during Milan Design Week in April. It's the first range to feature a delicate lurex thread handwoven into the material to give a subtle shimmer. The patterns are inspired by Turkish culture and heritage, picking up floral prints found in fabric archives. It's worth knowing a bespoke rug service is also available, allowing you to choose your perfect size, colour, and pattern.

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In the fold

Soak & Sleep's super-stylish first lamp shades are handmade in India using traditional paper folding techniques and 180gsm paper, the edging creating Scandi-inspired geometric patterns. Available in a range of styles and either linen-effect paper, black, or a crisp white look, prices start from £26 for the Quartz (31 x 34cm) pendant (top right) in white.

soakandsleep.com



Cool and connected

The Amazon Show and Echo Buttons hail the next generation of Amazon's voice-enabled gadgets. Like the Echo, Echo Plus, and Dot, the Amazon Show, priced £199.99, includes helpful personal assistant Alexa. It also boasts a screen to watch news or cat videos, check security cameras or stay on top of to do lists – hands free. The Echo Buttons, coming soon, are the first add-ons allowing you to physically interact with Alexa and can be used to play games. Sign up online to be notified when you can place your order.

amazon.co.uk

Simple storage

With home sizes shrinking and families growing, the search for stylish and functional storage is all the more important. Thankfully, Scandinavian furniture brand String has introduced a flexible storage solution to suit us all. Consisting of interchangeable wire panels and shelves of varying depths and finishes, the String system works in any room and can be repositioned as and when required. All sections can be bought separately, with prices starting from £16 for metal hooks and going up to £328 for a chest of drawers from Skandium.

skandium.com



Pretty porcelain

Sara Miller's playful plates for Portmeirion make breakfast in bed extra special. The illustrator created her tableware collection after approaching the renowned pottery manufacturer with designs inspired by her travels around the world – especially Japan and India. "I love vibrant patterns and colours," she says. Featuring 24-carat gold detailing, a set of four fun cake plates from the Piccadilly set costs £38, with matching mugs, trays, and coasters also available.

portmeirion.co.uk

3 of the best...

Butcher's block trolleys



Eddingtons Pewsey butcher's trolley, £849, John Lewis.
johnlewis.com



Stenstorp kitchen trolley in black-brown, £140, Ikea.
ikea.com



Milton oak butcher's trolley, £750, Laura Ashley.
lauraashley.com



Bold is beautiful

Geometric and with a hint of an optical illusion, add a right-on-trend statement to your kitchen with Topps Tiles's Optiks porcelain wall and floor tile. Great as a feature wall, splashback, or wow-factor flooring, choose one area as a focal point or go all out with the pattern everywhere (we love the latter!). Priced £67.56 per sq m.

toppstiles.co.uk



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Cool kettles

Even the smallest appliances can pack a stylish punch. Update your worktops with our pick of the latest styles



De'Longhi Argento Flora kettle in peony rose, £84.99, Sainsbury's.
sainsburys.co.uk



Stelton Emma kettle in chalk white, £139, Black By Design.
black-by-design.co.uk



Architect kettle with Kit Miles Biophilic panel pack, £114.94, Dualit.
dualit.com



Bosch Sky kettle, £99.95, John Lewis.
johnlewis.com

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PICK



KLF04 kettle, £149.95, Smeg.
smeguk.com



Pyramid kettle in marble, £35, Next.
next.co.uk



Words: Lindsay Blair

Fearne by Swan kettle in Lily, £49.99, Very.
very.co.uk



Sage STM550 Smart Tea Pot, £129.95, Amazon.
amazon.co.uk



Cookworks black textured kettle, £29.99, Argos.
argos.co.uk

Wall-hung lights

Move over, table lamps – here are our favourite wall-mounted styles to add a modern twist to your bed side



Vintage wall light, £295, Curious & Curiousa.
curiousa.co.uk



Nimbus wall light, £744, CTO Lighting.
ctolighting.co.uk



Shipyard wall light, £519, Davey Lighting.
originalbtc.com



Maria Banjo caged wall light, £168,
Urban Cottage Industries.
urbancottageindustries.com



Vita Eos Up wall lamp, £99,
Vita Copenhagen.
vitacopenhagen.com



Hoolie Coolie ceramic wall light,
from £134, Pooky.
pooky.com



T2 wall spotlight by Gantlighting, £185,
Holloways of Ludlow.
hollowaysofludlow.com



Bruno antiqued wall lamp, £125,
Abode Living.
abodeliving.co.uk



Revolve wall light in brass and
matt blue, £584, Bert Frank.
bertfrank.co.uk

Talking-point taps

Add a statement to your bathroom or cloakroom with a stand-out basin mixer. We've rounded up some of the coolest styles



Leawood wall-mounted lever basin mixer by Martin Brudnizki, £1278, Drummonds.
drummonds-uk.com



Nice faucet by Matteo Thunn, price on application, Fantini.
fantini.it



Princess Nouveau mixer in brushed copper, £260, Bagnodesign.
bagnodesignlondon.com



Equilibrio basin mixer by Gessi, £110, CP Hart.
cphart.co.uk



Axor Starck V basin mixer with diamond-cut glass spout, £1380, Hansgrohe.
hansgrohe.co.uk



Kallista basin tap, £2019, West One Bathrooms.
westonebathrooms.com



Collection 'O' three-hole basin mixer, £2766, THG Paris.
thg-paris.com



Water Circle monobloc basin tap, £409, Crosswater.
crosswater.co.uk



Elements basin mixer in Oxblood and Aged Brass, £1311, The Watermark Collection.
thewatermarkcollection.eu