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Trick of the eye

Want the look and feel of rustic planks without the impracticalities that come with having real wooden flooring in a bathroom? Carpetright's Starfloor pine blue luxury vinyl tiles may be the ideal solution. Waterproof and easy to clean, they are suitable for use over underfloor heating systems and simple to install – just click each tile into place for a smooth, level finish. Priced £28.99 per sq m.

carpetright.co.uk

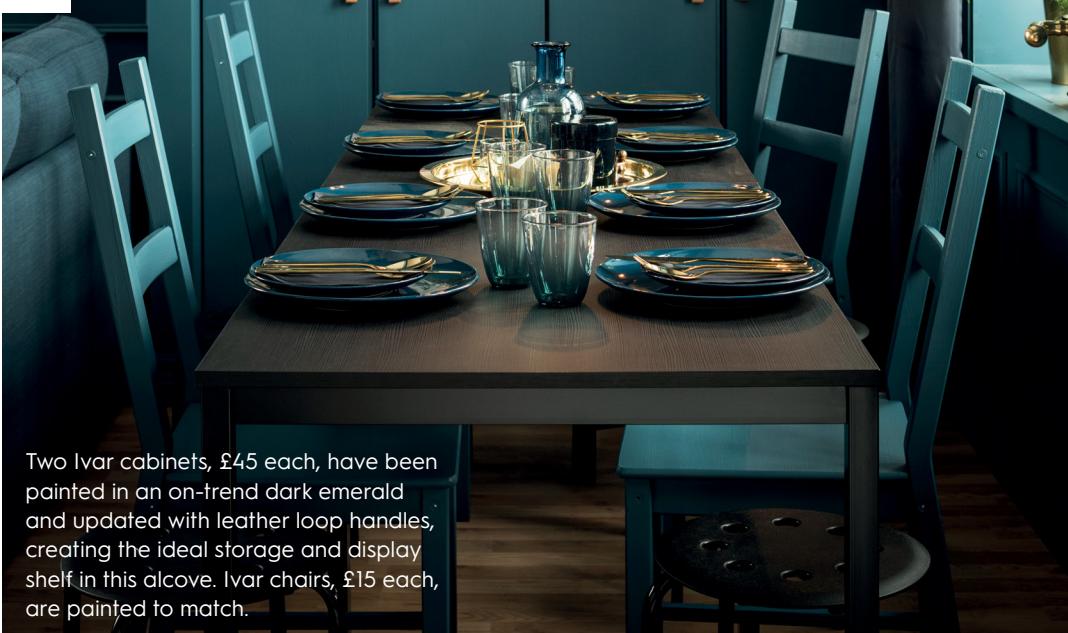
Words: Lindsay Blair and Yvette Murrell

Ikea hacks

Fancy trying your hand at upcycling? Ikea's Ivar furniture has long been a firm favourite among those with crafty hands – so much so that the range is still going strong, even after 50 years in production. Sold in a plain pine finish ideal for personalisation, the range includes a cabinet, shelving, wine rack, storage trolley, and chair. How would you hack yours?

ikea.com/gb

Eco-friendly choice *



Two Ivar cabinets, £45 each, have been painted in an on-trend dark emerald and updated with leather loop handles, creating the ideal storage and display shelf in this alcove. Ivar chairs, £15 each, are painted to match.

A fresh coat

Many paints are now free of hazardous VOCs and solvents, but Lakeland Paints is going one step further. According to independent testing, the organic Air Purifying range uses molecular sieve technology to absorb, filter, and neutralise up to 98% of air pollutants in the home. Once dried on the walls, this clever formula will continue to work its magic for up to five years. Available in more than 180 matt finishes, including Tango (main image), Agave, Magenta, and Sunflower, it is priced £48.50 per litre.

lakelandpaints.co.uk



Scandi-style

Vita Copenhagen may be best known for its eye-catching lamps like the Carmina pendant – shown here in rose and turquoise, from £49. But now the brand is branching out into furniture and presenting its debut collection. Furniture Feelings, available from May, is a range of smart and multifunctional pieces with a minimal Scandinavian feel, designed with modern urban living in mind. Our favourite items include the Hang Out coffee table, with its handy storage canopy, £399, and the aptly named A Conversation Piece solid oak armchair, £699 (below).

vitacopenhagen.com





Our Twitter poll found **39%** of our followers would love a steam oven in their kitchen



Full steam ahead

Not just for preparing fish, steam cooking is a fast, versatile and healthy way to create delicious meals. So it's no wonder more people are switching to steam cooking, and Miele's new GourmetStar freestanding steam oven is making the choice easier than ever. With an integrated water container it doesn't need to be plumbed in, and its 24-litre capacity means you can cook for the whole family. The GourmetStar can also reheat and defrost dishes and sterilise bottles. Priced £799, it even comes with a recipe book. miele.co.uk



Don't miss...

The newest addition to the growing range: simple, but vibrant mouth-blown glassware.

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1 Wooden candleholders, from £15.

2 Indian Yellow and Royal Purple mugs, £12 each.

3 Glass tumblers, £6 each; glass jug, £30; wine glasses, £8 each.



Brand lowdown: British Colour Standard

Known for...

Contemporary and colourful homeware and accessories, including ceramics, recycled glassware, enamelware, candles, and kitchen textiles.

The story...

Although founded in 2015 by Victoria Whitbread and Jackie Piper, the concept behind British Colour Standard dates back to the 1930s. The company takes you back to a time before the advent of digital colour and global giants such as Pantone, when books of colour swatches – each with enticing names – were transported across the British Empire to ensure products, from uniforms to battleships, were the correct shade. With a great interest in the colour-matching method, which fell out of use following World War II, Victoria and Jackie reinvented its use for their first product: a bone china mug, available in many of the original shades.

Shop...

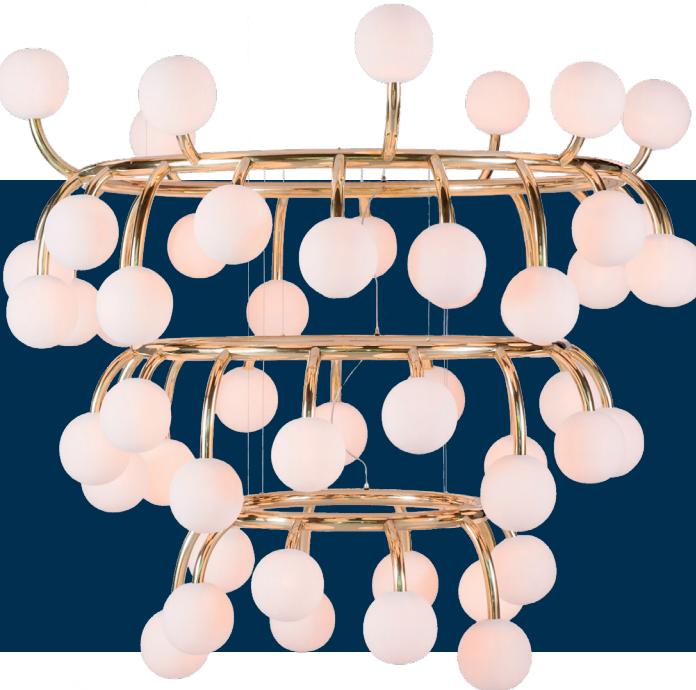
Browse the collection and learn each colour name – we particularly like Royal Purple and Indian Yellow.



Glowing statement

Hail the contemporary chandelier. By Luum's Pollen light is truly dazzling and sure to create a talking point in your kitchen or bedroom. Made from polished brass and hand-blown borosilicate glass, the light suspends from the ceiling on ultra-fine steel wires which creates a floating effect. Its size, number of tiers, and light colour can all be customised to suit your space. A three-tier design costs £14,170.

byluum.com



cool kids

You may be in danger of envying your little ones' furniture with Coming Kids's super stylish range. The Danish brand specialises in adapting the latest interiors trends into child-friendly pieces. Check out the industrial-chic desks, Scandi-style beds, and some seriously cool cupboards – like this retro-style Harper wardrobe with herringbone doors, £525 from Cuckooland.

cuckooland.com

Did you know?

After going on holiday, 56% of people are so inspired by their accommodation they plan to undertake renovations in their own home, according to Booking.com. Among millennials, the number is even bigger – 67% said they were planning on changing their home's interior design after returning from a trip.



Regal everyday ▲

Thought Royal Crown Derby ceramics were for special dinners only? Think again! In an industry first, the latest Art Glaze range sees a reactive glaze applied to the delicate material, resulting in a unique finish on generous-sized mugs, cups and saucers, plates, and bowls just as suited to parties as they are to daily use. Choose from Flamed Caramel, Pressed Mulberry, Candied Sky, and Clouded Smoke, or mix and match colours for a complete set. From £12 for a small sauce dish.

royalcrownderby.co.uk



Instantly recognisable, the Panton chair turns 50 this year. It was designed by Verner Panton in collaboration with Vitra in 1967 and showed for the first time in 1968. Look out for the limited-edition Panton Chrome, a mirrored-effect version created to celebrate the milestone. It costs £1610 from Vitra.

vitra.com



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Trend alert: Spring sage

Meet the new neutral: this calm, delicate and natural green is set to be one of this year's most popular hues. Freshen up your interiors by pairing it with light woods, cool greys, and pops of blush pink for a sophisticated, up-to-date look...



1 Valspar Premium Blend v700 paint in Soothing Sage, £28 for 2.5 litres, B&Q. diy.com **2** Paxo pendant light in green, £155, Original BTC. uk.originalbtc.com **3** Everhot 100 range cooker in Sage, from £6995, Everhot. everhot.co.uk **4** RJR. John Rocha Hathi green velvet cushion, £30, Debenhams. debenhams.com **5** Runa Industrial chair in Cameo Green, £99, Out There Interiors. outthereinteriors.com **6** Carys Baa stool in Sage, £215, Black By Design. black-by-design.co.uk **7** Bedtime Bundle in Sage Green, £319, Piglet. pigletinbed.com



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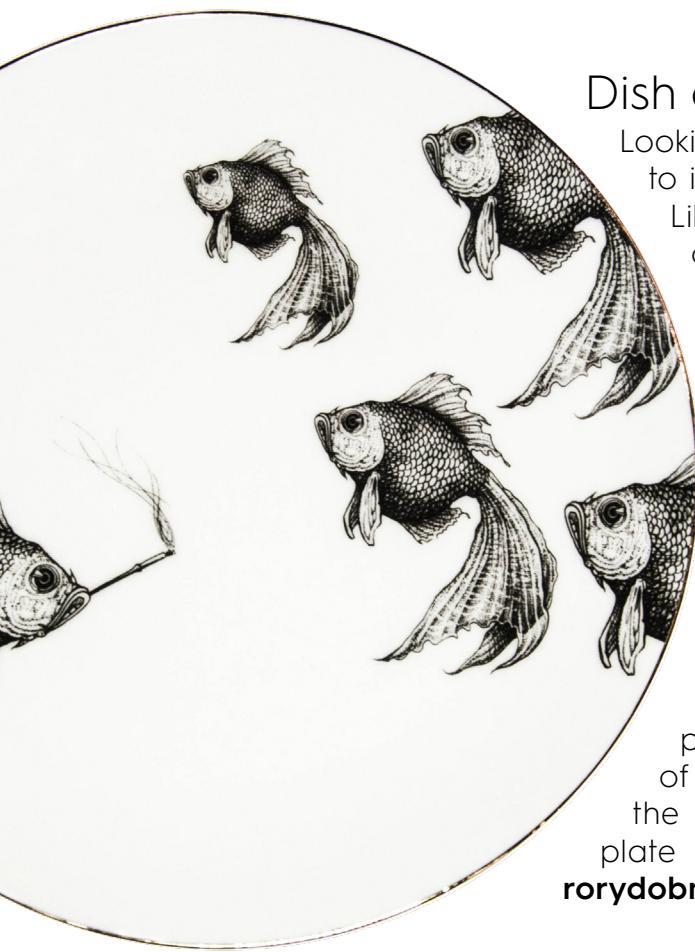
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New app

Velux has launched the MyDaylight app, which enables you to see your room with new rooflights and windows through 360° virtual reality technology. Discover how more natural light could transform your space and browse glazing styles to find one to perfectly suit your needs. Available from the App Store or Google Play Store now.

velux.co.uk



Dish of the day

Looking for dinnerware to impress your guests? Like something out of the Mad Hatter's tea party, Rory Dobner's quirky Victorian designs are bound to create a talking point around the table. His enchanting ink illustrations have been hand screen printed onto fine bone china plates in a variety of sizes, including the Pack of Smokes plate (shown), from £36.

rorydobner.com

3 of the best... patterned lampshades

Brighten up your bedside with one of these fun tropical styles...



FabFunky medium Tropical Toucan drum lampshade, £125, Hill House Design.

hillhousedesign.co.uk



Spirit Bird lampshade, £30, Lampshade Parade.

lampshadeparade.co.uk



Anna Jacobs orange Breaking Dawn medium lampshade, £110, Amara.

amara.com

On-trend pattern *

Showroom showcase:

Perrin & Rowe

What's new?

Recently opened at London's Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour, Perrin & Rowe's 680 sq ft shopping space features the brand's comprehensive collection of UK-made, handcrafted bathroom and kitchen products spanning ultra-modern and more traditional looks. Take time to browse the complete range – from taps to chinaware – and view and test each one in detail.

Where is it?

On the third floor in the North Dome at Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour.

Why go?

The entire collection of Perrin & Rowe styles is on display in all eight of the brand's finishes, so there's something to complete every bathroom or kitchen. Don't forget to try out the fully functioning filtration kitchen mixer tap with rinse, as well as the newest Mini instant filtered hot-water tap.

Don't miss...

The showroom's focal point – an impressive curved wall designed to display the brassware like precious jewellery.

perrinandrowe.co.uk



Made for you

With a mid-century aesthetic, Kobble's furniture is stylish as well as practical thanks to the ability to create a bespoke size to suit your space. Whether you want a dining table to seat a family of four, are looking for a large setting for entertaining, or simply need a specific size to fit into a room, you can specify the exact length, width, and height, plus order a made-to-measure bench to sit perfectly underneath. Manufactured from sustainable birch plywood, choose from a selection of veneer and linoleum tops, including oak, orange, grey, pink, or green for an even more personalised look. A table costs from £365 for a small four-seater.

kobblefurniture.co.uk



Save the date

Grand Designs Live returns to ExCeL London from 5 – 13 May. Alongside essential design and building inspiration for those planning large projects, this year's offerings include a kitchen and bathroom zone. Apart from new kitchen appliances, cookery demonstrations, and brands offering design advice, you'll also find The Lavatory Project – a showcase of statement ways to decorate your cloakroom. The nine-day event further features a host of expert seminars and talks with experienced renovators, as well as a free Ask The Expert zone for one-to-one consultations. Book online (granddesignslive.com) from £12 for an advance weekday adult ticket.

Kitchen clocks

Tick tock, tick tock... with summer upon us,
now's the perfect time to update yours



Atleigh marble-effect wall clock in blue, £56,
Out There Interiors.
outthereinteriors.com



Grey and orange wall clock,
£65, Heal's.
heals.com



Orla Kiely Linear Stem wall clock in Geranium,
£57.95, Cotswold Trading.
cotswoldtrading.com



Discovery Kitchen Timer wall clock, £60,
Newgate Clocks.
newgateclocks.com



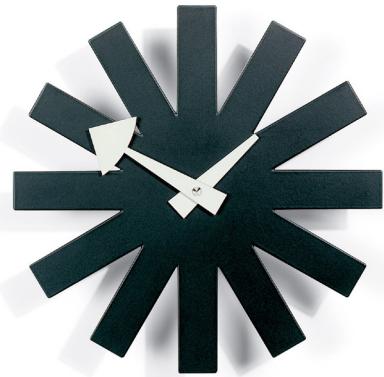
Mr. Silva clock by Dam, £125, Clippings.
clippings.com



Bard pendulum wall clock in brushed copper,
£39, Made.
made.com



Rustic pocketwatch wall clock,
£58.50, The Farthing.
thefarthing.co.uk



Vitra Asterisk wall clock,
£209, Nest.co.uk.
nest.co.uk



Bohemian Zen Mandala clock,
£30, ArtWow.
artwow.co

Cool carafes

Serve up drinks as well as smiles with our pick of the latest glassware



Tom Dixon tank jug, £100, Amara.
amara.com



Muuto Corky carafe, £44, Rume.
rume.co.uk



Ferm Living Ripple carafe, £31, Nest.co.uk.
nest.co.uk



Palm print carafe, £16,
Paperchase.
paperchase.co.uk



Stars carafe and tumbler set, £38,
The Vintage List.
thevintagelist.co.uk



Butterfly Garden carafe and tumbler set,
£26, Laura Ashley.
lauraashley.com



Hint carafe in Pale Lime, £30,
LSA International.
lsainternational.com



Stockholm carafe,
£8, Ikea.
ikea.com

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Editor's
pick



Parrot carafe by Tomas Kral,
£235, Nude.
nudeglass.com

Geometric towels

Add print and colour to your bathroom scheme – this month we're loving these bold styles

Words: Yvette Murrell



J by Jasper Conran Diamond towels, from £11 for a hand towel, Debenhams.
debenhams.com



Iberia towels, from £4 for a hand towel, George Home.
direct.asda.com



Geometric towels, from £5 for a hand towel, Matalan.
matalan.co.uk



Missoni Giacomo T59 bath towel, £40, Amara.
amara.com



Marina towels, from £14 for a hand towel, Margo Selby
margoselby.com



Patternity + John Lewis Reflect towels, from £8 for a face cloth, John Lewis
johnlewis.com



Christy Kalifi in Fuschia, from £12 for a hand towel, Kaleidoscope.
kaleidoscope.co.uk



Cubus bath towels, £25 for two, Made.com.
made.com



Geometric print Star towel, from £6 for a guest towel, Marks & Spencer.
marksandspencer.com