

# New SEASONS updates

Now is the perfect time to refresh your home, whether you are planning to completely redecorate or simply spruce things up a bit. Take your pick of these spring/summer trends and find out how to make them work within your own four walls...

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## Botanical beauty

The concept of bringing the outdoors inside can be translated into many forms throughout your home. Think vibrant colours, the use of natural materials, or the introduction of more houseplants – or all of the above! But this trend's real beauty is that you can adapt it as much as you wish, either with a few floral notes or by going all out with a jungle theme.

Whichever room you create this look in, it is good to accessorise with plenty of bright florals and rattan furnishings. If you are going to opt for real house plants, make sure you choose wisely, as Helen Parker, creative director of DeVOL (devolkitchens.co.uk), recommends. "It's lovely to see plants back in the home in such a big way," she says. "But be careful to choose suitable plants, as invariably they fade if they don't have the correct conditions and care – and then you have a sad, limp, unattractive decoration on your hands." The more commitment to the theme, Helen adds, "the more impressive it looks". "Walking into a foliage-filled room is uplifting, but also high maintenance," she advises. "However, it's really worth the effort when they flourish and your room is ever-changing with new growth."



Neptune's latest furniture collection is painted in a mix of natural tones. Shown are the Chichester dining table in Sage, £935, oak Wardley chair, £300, and painted Suffolk chair, £235. [neptune.com](http://neptune.com)



### Design tip

"Embrace the beauty of the outdoors and bring this popular scheme into your home by decorating with botanical prints. Green is a key colour, and it can also be teamed with bold pinks and oranges to create a tropical haven. Throws and scatter cushions are ideal as they can be used in different rooms of the house and easily be removed if you fancy a change."

Debbie Leigh,  
design manager, Iliv

Iliv's tropical Rainforest Cranberry fabric collection is available in six vibrant colourways – Cranberry, Lagoon, Zinc, Marine, Henna, and Cassis – with prices ranging from £24 to £89 per m. [i-liv.co.uk](http://i-liv.co.uk)

Just the use of a bold colour can create an impact, particularly in a bathroom setting. These Pavilion Green field tiles from Original Style's Artworks collection are priced from £62.95 per sq m. [originalstyle.com](http://originalstyle.com)



DeVOL's Classic English kitchen is pictured here with handmade emerald green London tiles, priced from £15 per tile, which are perfectly complemented by a pink wall and potted plants along the windowsill. DeVOL kitchens start from £25,000. [devolkitchens.co.uk](http://devolkitchens.co.uk)





# Sophisticated seascape

The nautical theme keeps coming back year after year – but this time around, why not try incorporating it into your home in a more refined manner? “A nautical look can be extremely sophisticated, as long as it is executed simply with a selection of a few carefully chosen pieces and finishes,” advises interiordesigner Milward Teverini (milwardteverini.com). “Instead of going overboard with a lot of overly themed pieces, think of pared-back simplicity and use of key textures; the chalky texture of matt lime white walls, for example, combined with simple striped linen fabric in blue pinstripes. These basics can provide the backdrop to one key piece, like a vintage porthole, convex mirror, or a driftwood furniture piece.”

Focus on calm watery blues and shades of white which can be paired with rustic woods and even a few glimmers of gold. Cobalt is already set to be a popular choice in the home – it’s perfectly paired with a crisp white, to achieve a contemporary look with a nod to the sea.

Shutters are reminiscent of shops on the sea front, and we love these blue café-style ones from Shutterly Fabulous. Prices start from £299 per sq m, including home consultation and installation. [shutterlyfabulous.com](http://shutterlyfabulous.com)



Tom Howley's Hartford kitchen is pictured here in Lithadora blue, paired with industrial-chic lighting and seashell plates for just a hint of a maritime look. Kitchens are priced from £40,000. [tomhowley.co.uk](http://tomhowley.co.uk)

Iliv's Seascape Riviera fabric collection is filled with coastal-inspired designs, and priced from £30.50 per m. [i-liv.co.uk](http://i-liv.co.uk)

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Make your bedroom a serene space with cool tones. Pictured here is the Arlo double bed, £349, with bedside table, £129, from M&S. Prices for accessories and bedding start from £6. [marksandspencer.com](http://marksandspencer.com)

Keep plates stylishly stashed away in a large sideboard, such as the Hancock, priced £959. Shown here with a cement boat ornament, £15, and Coast Diamond charcoal rug, £515, both from Barker & Stonehouse. [barkerandstonehouse.co.uk](http://barkerandstonehouse.co.uk)





# Modern glamour

This trend oozes opulence, with textures of marble, velvet and metallic finishes at the forefront. Mix and match these materials for a glamorous, romantic look. To avoid looking too traditional, Indigenous (indigenous.co.uk) founder Joss Thomas recommends beginning with a modest approach and building up from there. “Reinforce a modern look by layering marble and continuing it on surfaces,” he advises. “Keep accessories to a minimum, and use pools of light to create drama. A softer look can be achieved by introducing different textures and tone, such as a decorative chrome mirror to pick out the silver veining, some raw, contrasting dark timber, or sumptuous, tactile fabric – like a rich jewel-toned velvet.”

Rich, royal colours such as ochres and golds will prove popular this year, complemented by purple hues, as Pantone (pantone.com) anticipates. It announced Ultra Violet as its colour of the year, which Pantone Vice President Laurie Pressman described as “a dramatically provocative and thoughtful purple shade”. Complete the look with some metallics – these work especially well in a kitchen or bathroom, where you can show off your brassware against a dark, dramatic wall. ▶



Make a statement with a freestanding bath, such as the copper-painted Dualelle from Utopia Bathrooms, £1295. [utopiagroup.com](http://utopiagroup.com)



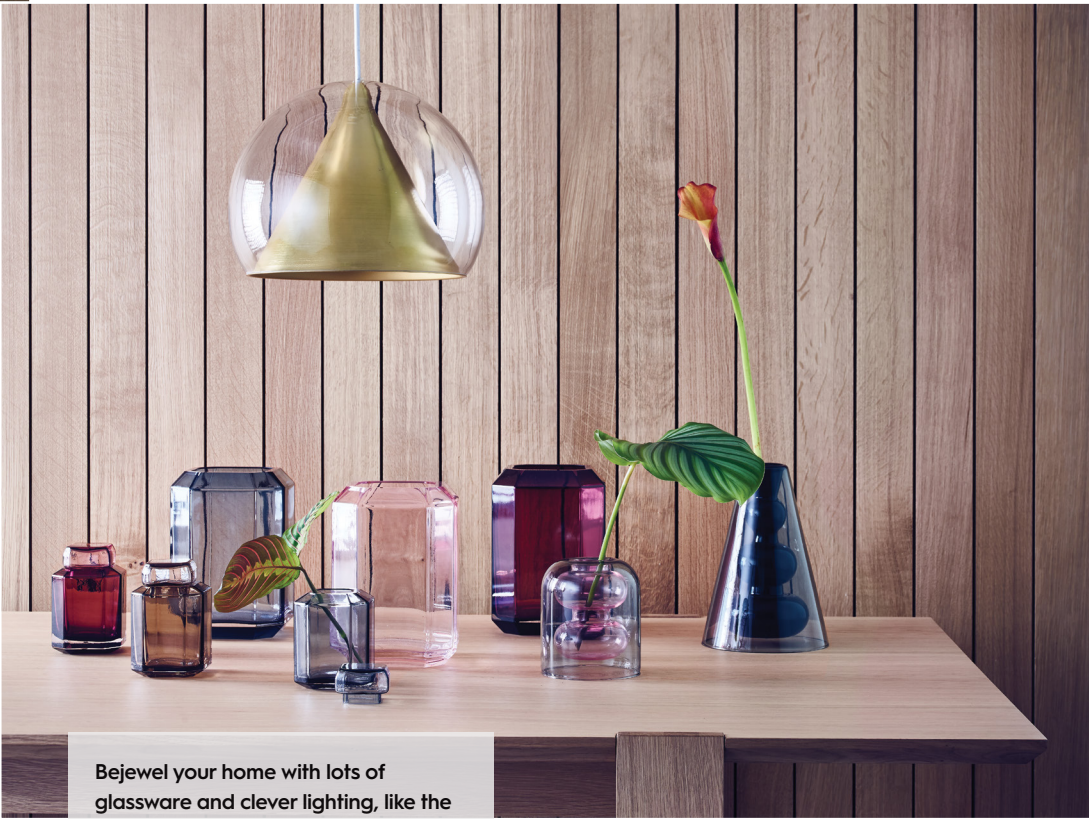
The Bletchley collection of vintage-inspired brassware by Jim Lawrence. Prices start from £34 for a soap basket. [jim-lawrence.co.uk](http://jim-lawrence.co.uk)



This Mowlem & Co kitchen features Silestone Sensa granite in richly veined Orinoco, with deep oak and brushed bronze cabinetry. Prices start from around £30,000. [mowlemandco.co.uk](http://mowlemandco.co.uk)



Star by Julien Macdonald is all about Art Deco glamour: pictured is the Gatsby dressing table, £500, with mirror, £50, and matching accessories priced from £10. Available from Debenhams. [debenhams.com](http://debenhams.com)



Bejewel your home with lots of glassware and clever lighting, like the Contra pendant by Vitamin, £199, and a selection of Jewel vases, priced from £49, available from Heal's. [heals.com](http://heals.com)

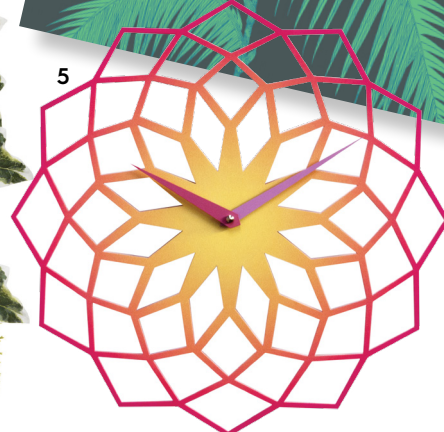
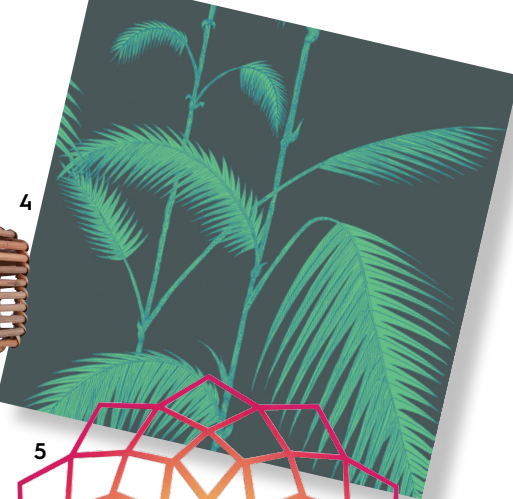
TURN OVER TO FIND SOME QUICK UPDATES FOR EACH OF THESE ON-TREND LOOKS



## Botanical beauty



- 1 Pompom Souk basket, from £26, Yonder Living. [yonderliving.com](http://yonderliving.com)  
 2 Margate ceiling shade, £70, Habitat. [habitat.co.uk](http://habitat.co.uk)  
 3 Fejka artificial wall plant, £3 each, Ikea. [ikea.com/gb](http://ikea.com/gb)  
 4 Palm Jungle wallpaper, priced £82 per roll, Cole & Son. [cole-and-son.com](http://cole-and-son.com)  
 5 Progetti Skallop wall clock, £240, Amara. [amara.com](http://amara.com)



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- 1 Amity side table, £195, Loaf. [loaf.com](http://loaf.com)  
 2 Grain stripe indigo cushion, £40, Ian Mankin. [ianmankin.co.uk](http://ianmankin.co.uk)  
 3 Riviera Coast platter, £12, Sainsbury's Home. [sainsburys.co.uk](http://sainsburys.co.uk)  
 4 Harvest rug in turquoise, measuring 170 x 240cm, £1400, Stepevi. [stepievi.com](http://stepievi.com)  
 5 Oceanic pendant in white, £335, Davey Lighting. [davey-lighting.co.uk](http://davey-lighting.co.uk)



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- 1 J by Jasper Conran gold velvet throw, £125, Debenhams. [debenhams.com](http://debenhams.com)  
 2 Versailles salt and pepper shakers, £48, Jonathan Adler. [uk.jonathanadler.com](http://uk.jonathanadler.com)  
 3 Elements basin mixer in polished brass, £2042, The Watermark Collection. [thewatermarkcollection.eu](http://thewatermarkcollection.eu)  
 4 Aqua pedestal table by Fabrice Berrux, £3790, Roche Bobois. [roche-bobois.com](http://roche-bobois.com)  
 5 Essence velvet cushion in regal purple and moss, £34, The French Bedroom Company. [frenchbedroomcompany.co.uk](http://frenchbedroomcompany.co.uk)

