

Real Homes HOTLIST

Your one-stop guide to the latest design ideas, product launches and decorating trends



Covetable collection

Curating a look doesn't mean you need to turn your home into a museum. It's about putting together statement pieces and furniture that you love to create rooms that are personal to you. John Lewis' new Collector's House range can help you to create spaces that are eclectic, opulent and unexpected, but always very liveable.

Above Duresta Carnaby chairs, £1,249; Lustre rug, £320; Esempio coffee table, £399; Tom Dixon pendant, £330, all John Lewis ►

BOLD AS BRASS

If you're looking for lighting that combines luxury with simplicity, Belgium-based designer Michael Verheyden's collection with CTO Lighting should be your first port of call. Made from satin brass, the Heron range comprises a table, floor and wall light, all with moveable heads, from £860.



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NEW NORDIC COLOUR

DECORATING WITH A VIBRANT
MODERN PALETTE
£19.99, Ryland Peters & Small

Scandinavian style isn't all pale, pared-back interiors. Writer Antonia af Petersens reveals why rich, complex hues are appearing in Nordic homes, and how you can use them in yours.

TOP TIP

WHEN TILING A WALL OR FLOOR, FIND THE CENTRE LINE AND THEN WORK OUTWARDS FROM THERE. THIS MEANS WHEN YOU REACH THE EDGES OF THE SURFACE, YOUR CUT PIECES WILL BE THE SAME SIZE, GIVING A SYMMETRICAL FINISH

Easy update

TILES

Swim against the tiling tide by taking tiling tiles and laying them diagonally. These New Brighton Ocean Tiles have a linear design and high-gloss finish. Tide has a cool grey hue, and Salt has a shimmering off white. They measure H24.8xW49.8cm, and cost £24.95 per m², from Walls & Floors.

New York hotel



Sleep in style

Designer Kit Kemp brings her unique vision to The Whitby, a new Manhattan hotel with a distinctly British flair. It is the latest from Kit and husband Tim, whose Firmdale Hotels group includes Ham Yard and Charlotte Street hotels in London. Unusual touches at The Whitby include a rainbow-hued loom in reception and a violin case that plays the sounds of Whitby fishing port. Room prices start from £536.68 per night. For details, look up firmdalehotels.com.



BRAND-NEW APP

EDITOR LOVES

Now you can see how that Ikea chair/table/giant clock you've been coveting will look in your home without actually leaving it. Using the free Ikea Place app, you simply point your phone camera at the space where you want it to go, and images will be superimposed onto your screen, all scaled to size.

SPEND VS SAVE

Bring a touch of the tropics to your walls and decorate with paper printed with the sturdy stems and delicate leaves of bamboo ➤



Global Fusion G56411 wallpaper, £29.95 per roll, Galerie Wallcoverings



Bamboo BP 2139 wallpaper, £97 per roll, Farrow & Ball



Talamone Terra promessa wallpaper, £214 per roll, Elitis



COMPACT COMFORT

Tom Dixon's Wingback chair from Shoreditch House members' club has been resized for the home. The Micro Wingback still retains all the appealing curves of the original, and comes in a range of fabrics and leg options.



Top Micro Wingback chair copper leg Hallingdal 65, £2,000. **Bottom** Micro Wingback chair black leg Hallingdal 65, £1,700, both H100xW74xD73.8cm, from Tom Dixon

Now you see it...

Conceal your tech with The Frame by Samsung – a TV that displays art when not in use. You can pick an image from more than 100 pieces by artists commissioned by the company. Or sign up to Samsung's Art Store to access additional pieces to display. The Frame comes in 65" and 55" sizes, with bezels in walnut, beige and white, from £1,999.99.



Symonds vitrine in patinated steel, glass and vitreous enamel, H225xW96xD43cm, £7,200, Ali Robinson

INSPIRED DEBUT

World Rackets Doubles Champion turned designer and artist, Ali Robinson, has incorporated squash balls into stools for his first furniture collection, Kynance, while a sheet of discarded enamel for a London Underground sign was the starting point for this vitrine (glass display case). The range comprises tables, mirrors and consoles, a sideboard and totem for measuring children's height. These are investment pieces, with prices starting from £900 for the Constantine Ruler totem, but that includes 'white gloved delivery'.



Inject some primary colours into your scheme with Everlong's four new chalk paint shades. Royal Navy, British Racing Green, Queen Bee and Mandarin can be slicked over furniture with no need to prime, sand or wax. Pots start from £5.95 for 100ml, up to £19.95 for one litre.



Acme three-hole wall-mounted basin mixer, W24.4x reach 19cm, £336, Aston Matthews

Steampunk style

Oozing industrial luxe, Aston Matthews' Acme brassware can add an urban aesthetic to any bathroom. Finished in scuffed brass with wheel controls and tactile knurled grips, the range includes taps, mixers, shower fittings and cistern controls. Prices start from £304 for a one-hole mixer. ➤

EDITOR LOVES

Great design
idea #1

STATEMENT GLASS

If you want the garden to truly feel part of your home, sometimes a picture window is the best way to go. Here, architects Coupdeville have given one end of this extension entirely over to fixed glazing, offering a floor-to-ceiling view. To the right, bi-fold glazed doors offer easy access the terrace.

Below The fixed window and bi-fold doors cost £30,000, from Sun Paradise



Hot new designer



Who... Alice Howard-Graham, a textile designer

Need to know... With experience working in the luxury fashion and interiors industry for such luminaries as Paul Smith, Topshop, House of Hackney and Jaguar, Alice graduated with an MA in textiles from the Royal College of Art last year, then set up on her own.

Inspiration... 'I love to experiment with surface, placement and colour, developing ideas through making, drawing, painting and collaging.'

Look out for... Alice's digitally printed leather rug using designs from her Aerial Abstract series; part of the Heal's Discovers range.

For more information, go to heals.com.



Painted Shapes
printed cowhide
rug by Alice
Howard-Graham,
W120xL140cm,
£660, Heal's

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Looking to get a handle on the best hardware for your doors? Haute Déco has revamped both its showroom on the Kings Road in London, and its website, meaning its handles and door knobs are now presented like precious jewels. So whether you're looking for monogrammed designs, textural bronze materials or Pop Art colours, this is haute couture for your doors. ➤

Left Maxi Coupole centre knob in rose gold, £360, and copper, £460



PERFECTLY FORMED SOFAS

DFS' Capsule Collection has been made with compact living in mind. Sofas come in both small and large sizes, with reduced dimensions and slimmer arm widths. The fabrics will be refreshed each season using prints from emerging designers. Sofas start from £399.



GREAT
VALUE

Truth large lounge in teal fabric, H88xW159xD90cm, £699, DFS



LIGHT FANTASTIC

Inspired by leaves and natural materials as well as Art Deco metal, glass and ceramics, Oka's new sculptural lamps and lanterns could be on display as art.

Above Kafig small hanging lantern, reclaimed teak with metal chain in black velvet, H36xDia.25cm, £169, Oka

Tried & tested



Harris Blade

Large (5cm) – £5

THE PROMISE

A brush with a tapered head to help you paint 'controlled, neat lines'. One dip and you have an edge 'as thin as a blade' for precise painting.

THE VERDICT

Tested on a wall next to a door frame, this did seem easier to control and keep within the line I was following without smearing paint on the frame. The fineness of the brush meant I had to go over it several times to build up a depth of colour. On the plus side, this fineness did mean the brush strokes were less visible and gave a smoother finish compared to an ordinary paintbrush.

THE RATING

Ideal for cutting in and also painting those tricky edges where walls meet – 4/5.

Primrose double bed frame in Fuchsia brushed cotton, from £645, Button & Sprung. For similar paint, try Secret Escape by Crown, £13.50 for 1.25ltrs, Benjamin Moore. For similar bedlinen, try Ted Baker at Amara



Style inspiration

COLOUR BLOCK PARTY

Create an exotic escape in your bedroom with a lush palette of emerald greens, hot-pink fuchsias and juicy oranges. Carry the theme through with a floral bed spread, tropical house plants and a scattering of cushions to lounge on.



Interior design help

Get help creating your dream scheme from IDC – the Interior Design Collective – a website created to make professional interior design more accessible and affordable to all. You'll find talented freelance interior design creatives all around the UK offering flexible services to meet your budget. For more information, go to interiordesigncollective.co.uk.