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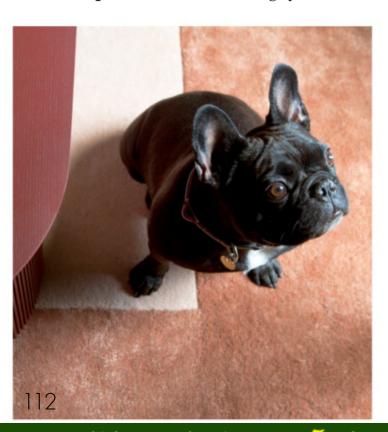
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he festive parties are well underway, Christmas is around the corner, if not already upon us, the anticipation and pressure of what you are or aren't doing on New Year's Eve is hanging in the air. It's the same every year, yet being a perfect host is something that eludes even the most organised and creative of us. Fortunately, the issue you hold in your hands contains ELLE Decoration's annual guide to entertaining with aplomb...

Packed with the latest tableware and accessories, tantalising trend-led tablescapes, it also has tips and ideas to make your parties pop. Plus, we've quizzed London's cool crowd who are leading the interiors world's obsession with flamboyance. If anyone knows how to make things memorable, it's them.

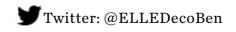
As the hangovers fade and the big clear-up begins, focus turns to the new year ahead. The period after the excesses of those festive days, and before heading back to work, is the perfect time to focus on the positive effects of renewal. To get you in the right frame of mind, this issue also includes an exploration of the new movements in the world of wellness, on page 162, where a number of top spas are becoming as well known for their interiors as they are for their treatments.

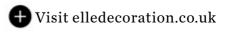
And as the best revivals start at home, writer Raven Smith shares his experience of tackling property renovation for the very first time, on page 36. As he points out, 'Rather than rolling fields of opportunity, I'm aware of how much there is to get wrong.'

So while I realise this end of the year is a frantic whirlwind, where it's hard not to get hung up on the details, instead look forward and focus on the personal and your place in the world. The people around you who you want to celebrate with or spend peace and quiet with, the ones who mean the most, should be at the forefront of your mind, along with that sense of home. After all, it's your sanctuary, the place you want to be rather than anywhere else. I wish you all a wonderful holiday period with the ability to enjoy both the social frenzy and the ensuing downtime at home. See you in 2020!

Ben Springs Editor









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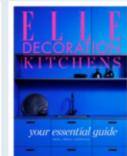
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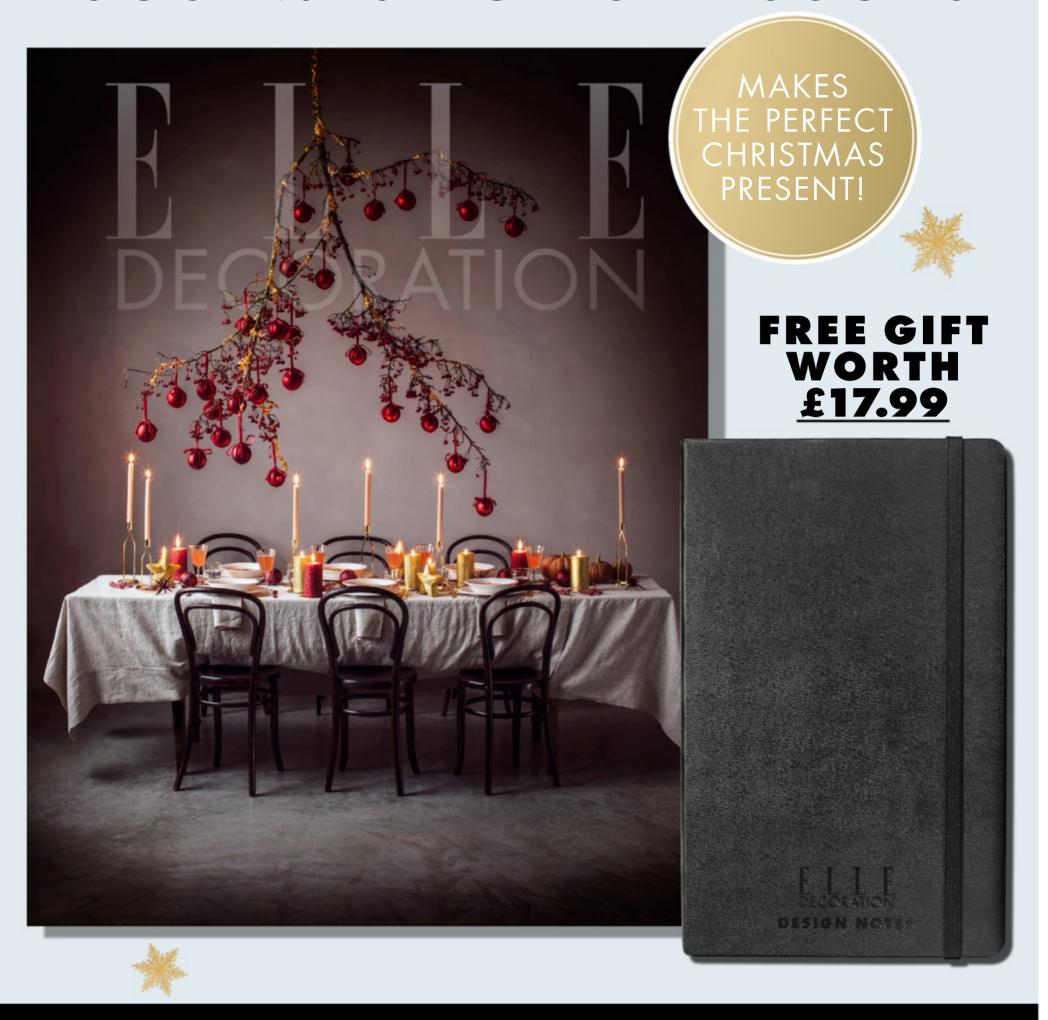




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BRIGHT IDEA

As the little sister brand to Bert Frank, J Adams & Co shares its dedication to using high-quality materials and traditional approach to manufacturing, executed from the pair's Birmingham base. Its lighting pieces, however, have their own distinctive look and feel, drawing upon the design codes of the industrial era albeit with a modern twist, as the newly launched 'Flume' collection (right) demonstrates. Three-piece 'Flume' chandelier, £1,074 (jadamsandco.com).



BEAUTY SLEEP

Heritage bed brand Hästens has never wavered in its commitment to using natural materials as it believes they're key to a good night's sleep. Its new 'Satin Pure' bedding uses a special weaving technique to pack threads tightly, creating a beautiful lustre while maintaining breathability and a super-soft feel. From £60 for a pillow case (hastens.com).





STAR TURN

Stellar Works and department store Lane Crawford have enlisted the talents of Australian designer Tom Fereday for its new 'Crawford' collection. The collaboration comes as a result of its Creative Call Out, which offers emerging talent a platform by commissioning a furniture range. Combining Asian and international design sensibilities, Fereday's 'Crawford' collection includes tables, dining and lounge chairs and this bed. 'Crawford' bed, £2,560 (stellarworks.com).





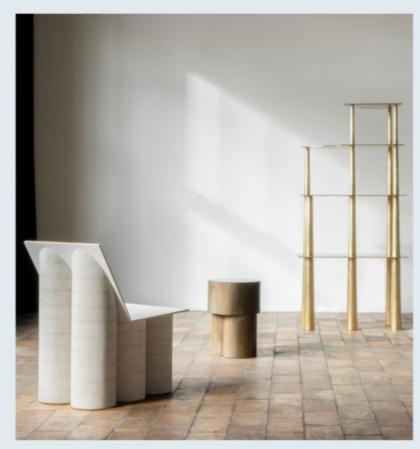
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Bosske has already turned the world of gardening upside down, making it accessible and alluring for everyone with its gravity defying, topsy turvy 'Sky' planters. For its next trick, the new 'Totem' watering cone (above) is a saviour for those whose green fingers are lacking even for houseplants. Its zigzagged form conceals SloFlo irrigation technology, acting as a mini reservoir that gradually waters plant roots for up to a week – as well as adding a sculptural touch to your greenery. From £20 for two small cones (boskke.com).



NAME TO KNOW LINDE FREYA TANGELDER

Meet the Antwerp-based designer who has just won the Biennale Interieur Designer of the Year award, joining previous winners Vincent Van Duysen and Muller Van Severen



Have you always wanted to be a designer? From an early age, two things I loved to do was make things and tell stories. And from the moment I started at Design Academy Eindhoven, I felt at home. For me, it was clear I wanted to start my own design studio after finishing my studies – I've been running my company Destroyers/Builders since 2014.

How would you describe your approach? I emphasise the senses in different ways. My pieces are tactile, but they are also architectural and sculptural. My works find a balance between art and design and high- and low-end materials. I want to show that beauty can be found in the daily, in the unfinished, in the randomness of life.

What inspires you? My influences are found on building sites: rough materials, connecting parts and structures, as well as in both ancient and contemporary architecture. I also love to experiment with surfaces and colour, and mix my own pigments.

What are you doing next? At the moment, I am working on a very exciting project with design platform Valerie_objects, my biggest so far – it will launch in the next six months. Also in progress are two new, experimental projects, where I want to push the boundaries between architecture, sculpture and design even more. destroyersbuilders.com





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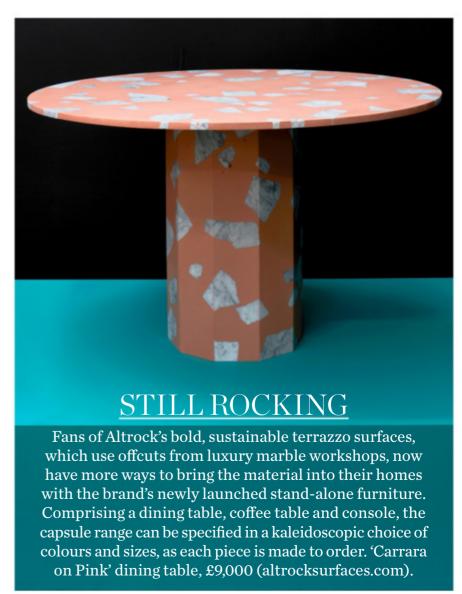
Seeking to reinvigorate and simplify the sofa, Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec's latest piece for Hay does away with heavy, unwieldy design and – without sacrificing comfort – distills the product into three essential elements: the frame, the cover and the cushions. Named 'Can', the idea is that the flatpacked design, which comes in three sizes and multiple upholstery options, is easily assembled (and disassembled) at home. £2,035 for a three-seater sofa (hay.dk).



THE RIGHT LINES

Still made near the rural Danish town where the brand was founded in 1952, BoConcept's new 'Line' collection of accessories features oversized, sculptural centrepieces that look equally as striking left empty as when used as vessels. Their rounded forms were designed to evoke a sense of welcome, while the material – a slimline chrome piping – gives each piece an understated elegance. 'Line' collection, from £99 (boconcept.com).











<u>fancies</u>

For its 'Floribunda' collection, Liberty London invited 12 female designers, including Matilda Goad and Cressida Jamieson, to delve into its archives and choose floral prints with which to create limitededition homeware. Once Milano, the linen design house founded by Allegra Marchiorello and Valeria Piovesana Thompson, has created quilts using four of the brand's prints: 'Capel' (above), 'Wild Flower', 'Donna Leigh' and 'Amelie'. £375 (libertylondon.com).

BATHING BEAUTIES



The female form is proving rich inspiration for many right now, including interior design duo Sella Concept, who looked to the bathers at Kenwood Ladies' Pond in Hampstead, London, for its furniture debut. The voluptuously curved 'Ladies Ponds' stools (left) are crafted from hand-turned tulipwood and topped with bouclé cushions. £2,000 each (sella-concept.com).



SHOP TO KNOW

EESOME

The second-hand ceramics dealer offering an alternative to off-the-shelf buying

Taking its name from an Old English word meaning 'pleasant on the eye', Eesome lives up to its promise. The curated second-hand online store, founded by ex-fashion stylist and set designer Hana Bauman-Lyons, specialises in vintage and antique pottery and ceramics. Hana's hobby for collecting ceramics on her travels soon outgrew her home. Turning her passion into a business was a 'very slow and organic process', she says. 'I've always understood the value of buying second-hand and the power of a circular economy, so I wanted to make it easier and more desirable for people to buy vintage pieces – there's such a need for us to change our consumer habits. It will take time, but offering strong alternatives to off-the-shelf homeware helps this process, and it's something I knew I could offer.' Expect gloriously wonky pots, one-off dishes and other unique vessels in a tantalising array of glazes and textures. Current finds include Indian kuupi pots, German studio pottery vases

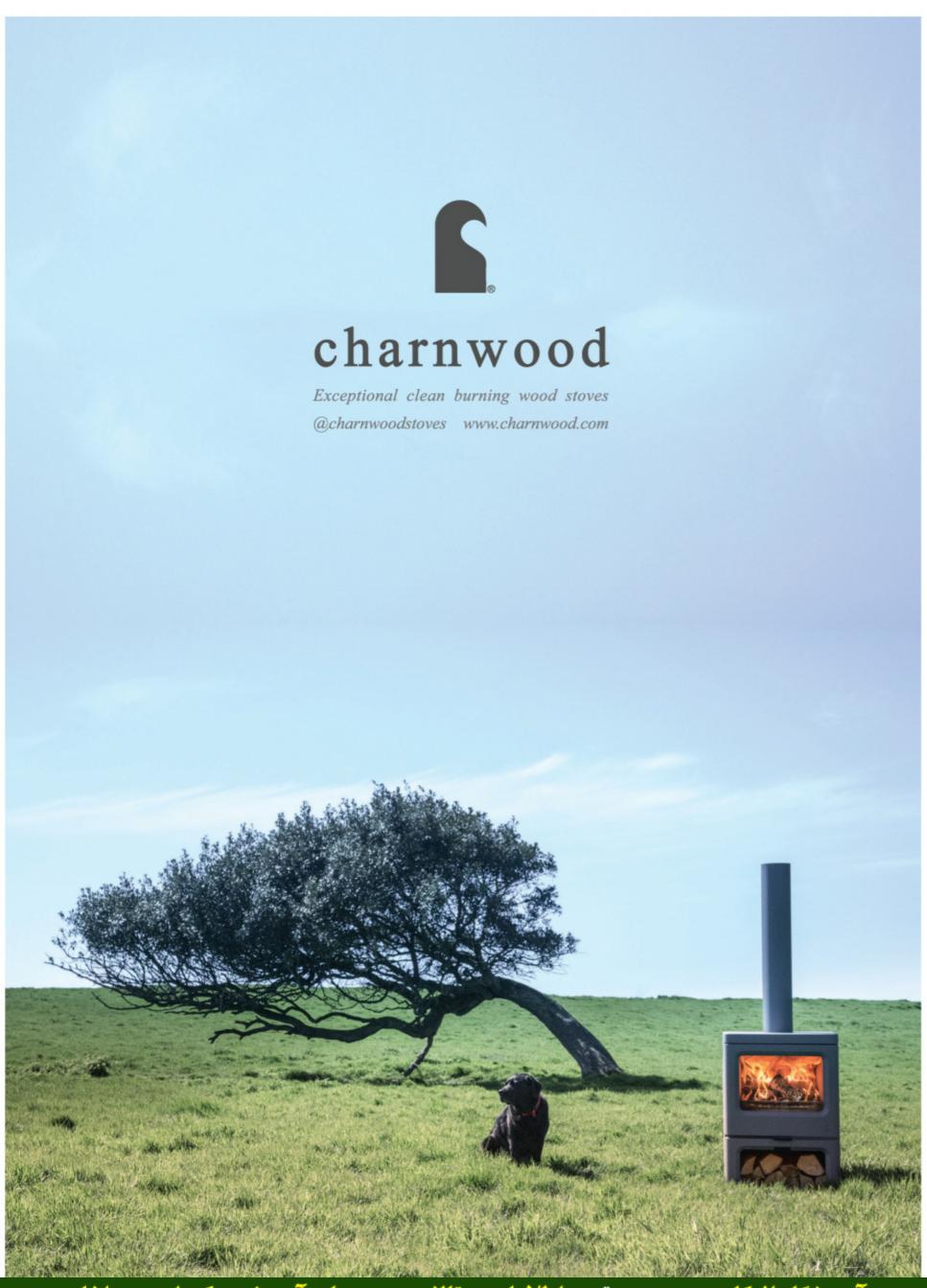
























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MY CULTURAL LIFE

BUNNY CHRISTIE

We ask an arbiter of style what they're listening to, visiting, collecting and more

From early Fringe shows – in tents, above pubs - to the West End, Broadway and beyond, set production pioneer Bunny Christie has concocted everything from 1960s newsrooms to heady Shakespearean backdrops. The kinetic, computerised world of *The Curious* Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - 'I wanted the design to be vivid, fastpaced and radical' - won her a third Olivier award in 2012, and there's been another since, plus an OBE last year. This month sees her back behind the scenes at the National Theatre, where new play *The Welkin* follows a murder trial in 1750s Suffolk. From 15 January-28 March 2020 (nationaltheatre.org. uk; bunnychristie.co.uk).

My all-time favourite pop song is Sugar Sugar by The Archies (1). It's the first I remember and still the best. The record that makes me instantly happy is Crazy by Gnarls Barkley. It brings back memories of my children dancing in the kitchen. The book that has influenced me the most is Anna Karenina (3). Tolstoy does that miraculous thing of capturing exactly how you feel but would never say. I also love Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton, Gregory Crewdson's book of photographs, Twilight, and Saul Bass, for his thoughts on design and working as a designer. The film I always go back to is Field of Dreams (4). It's not cool or arty, but it's very soulful and



makes me cry every time. 'If you build it, they will come' is a great quote.

WOULD NEVER SAY'

CAPTURING HOW

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THING OF

My favourite cultural spot is Sir John Soane's Museum (2). The whole collection is amazing and crazy – that acid yellow drawing room is totally wild. The Hogarths are pretty special and wonderfully, theatrically displayed.

The last gallery I visited was the National Gallery of Denmark (5) in Copenhagen. Seeing its collection of Scandinavian painters – especially Hammershøi – in the flesh in such a beautiful, quiet gallery was gorgeous.

My biggest collection? Like all women, I seem to have an accumulation of bras that don't fit! On a totally free day in London I'd swim in the Ladies' Pond on Hampstead Heath, have a wander round Kenwood House and then eat cake. Or I might just window shop on Regent Street or people watch through Soho.

One of my favourite places to visit is Glen Esk in the Angus region of Scotland (6), where my grandad was a shepherd, my mother was evacuated during the war and where we have spent many family summers swimming in the rivers and cooking outside on the fire. There is no wi-fi and no mobile reception. I stayed there for six months through the autumn and winter when my children were very small and I needed a break from London life.







INSIDE STORY

CUSTHOM

Led by a love of simple forms and consideration for detail, British design studio Custhom turns 10 this year

Part research studio, part design practice, Custhom is a brand that has never conformed to type. Steadily and quietly growing over the last decade, its designs are characterised by

simple geometric forms and sophisticated palettes – instantly recognisable and impactful, yet refined and considered.

The studio was founded by Jemma Ooi and Nathan Philpott, who met while studying at the Royal College of Art in London. Nathan trained in textile design with a focus on embroidery technology while Jemma specialised in print design. After graduating, the pair shared a studio space and began to experiment with materials and processes, and Custhom was born.

The duo quickly made waves with their mural-like, hand-printed wallpaper designs. 'Back then, the interior design landscape was generally quite conservative. Creating handmade wallpaper that didn't repeat or match up was how we began to attract an audience,' says Jemma. 'We started the brand with the spare change we'd saved from bar jobs and presented work in an old shop off Redchurch Street in Shoreditch, which we hired for £200 during London Design Festival. We were inspired by what small brands were doing with pop-up spaces during Milan Design Week.'

'CREATING HANDMADE WALLPAPER THAT DIDN'T REPEAT WAS HOW WE **BEGAN TO ATTRACT AN AUDIENCE'**

That hands-on, try-it-and-see approach is still very much a part of the process for the duo, whose studio is now in Peckham, south London. As well as making wallpapers, textiles and ceramics, Custhom also has a project arm that creates be poke interiors, branding and designs for other firms; Clarks, Liberty, Somerset House and John Lewis & Partners are just a few of the illustrious names to have enlisted the studio's expertise and fresh thinking.

'Custhom projects and products are all interlinked by the making process, which is at the heart of the studio,' explains Jemma. The studio's first commission was for the Design Museum shop: 'It felt like a real nod of approval, especially as it happened right at the start of Custhom.' From there, the brand has grown organically, picking up industry awards and, most recently, a Design Guild Mark in 2019.

Unswayed by trends or the pressure to release products every season, Custhom follows its own schedule. Jemma says: 'We aim to distil our ideas to reach their most simple form as, in our eyes, that's the key to longevity. The materials we use are important to us, from the packaging to the content of our printing inks, and this is an area we're constantly striving to improve. We work on the principle that when we are happy with a new range, we will reveal what we've made.'

During London Design Festival in September last year, Custhom launched new ceramics, glassware and printed and woven textiles, but wallpaper remains at its core. 'Wallpaper is the medium we fell in love with – now we're dipping our toes into product design, drawing upon specialised making skills used from wallpaper production to create a wider range. We have a few collaborations due to launch next year and we will definitely be celebrating with everyone who has supported us along the way,' says Jemma. custhom.co.uk



From top 'Oblique' glass tumblers, £38 for four; 'Palladian' soup bowl, £35; 'Hayward' cushion, £86; 'Contour' fabric, £90 per m; 'Oblique' framed print, £165; stools, £220 each, covered in 'Oblique' fabric, £90 per m; all Custhom















DECORATING /

CHANGE OF PACE

Design is increasingly about diving deeper, and Danish brand Kinnasand's poetic new rug and fabric collection, 'Spheres', encourages us to slow down a little with its mesmeric patterns. The 22 curtain fabrics offer blurred impressionist prints and textures which harmonise earthy and mineral tones. Think of them as topographical glimpses of the natural world, as if viewed from above by a bird on the wing. Grids, swirls and weaves are reminiscent of ploughed fields, bodies of water and planes of sand. Trust the Scandinavians to open us up to new horizons. Prices from £204 per metre (kinnasand.com).

THE HIGH LOW

Named after Frank Lloyd Wright's 1935 modernist masterpiece 'Fallingwater', this sustainable rug collection from Layered mimics the Pennsylvanian residence's palette. 'Levels', the latest in the range, features a high and low pile surface, inspired by its architectural references. Available in two colours: 'Francis Pearl' (below) and 'Ryamatta'. From £560 (layeredinterior.com).



MODERN LIFE

London-based design studio Jupiter 10 has released 'Modernist III', a collection of 36 wallpaper designs celebrating the simplicity of humble shapes - circles, triangles and squares - in exciting and graphic arrangements. £145 per roll (jupiter10.com).

EARTH FRIENDLY

The interiors palette du jour is dominated by colours found in the natural world, and Designers Guild's new 'Earthy Tones' are very much en pointe. Certainly not style over substance, the brand takes its responsibilities very seriously – the paints are water-based with low VOC rates, produced in the UK and sold in tins made from recycled materials. From £37 for 2.5 litres (designersguild.com).











If design is in the details, then for the ultimate in polished (or muted) finishing touches, Wiltshire-based firm Corston is the new name to know. This hardware specialist offers a capsule range of elegantly understated door handles, hinges, hooks and shelving brackets, all available in muted bronze (pictured) and polished brass. Prices start from £8 (corston.com).



Not just an entertaining art trope, trompe-l'æil is both beautiful and practical when it comes in the form of wood-effect porcelain tiles. Low maintenance and durable, 'Craftwood' planks by Lapicida are made by hand and ideal for creating a herringbone formation, which you can admire without worrying about the after-care. £70.80 per square metre (lapicida.com).

IT'S A WRAP

The seed for this eco-friendly rug collection was sewn while German product designer Jutta Werner was trekking in the Himalayas. There she spied the coloured string made from recycled sweet wrappers that local farmers used to bundle hay bales, and saw its potential. Using plain wool as the warp, she wove in the wrappers as the weft, creating natural-toned rugs with a shimmer. From £270 per square metre (luv-hamburg.com).

NTHE MIX

These colourful 'NobleClay' tiles resemble lava stone due to their slight sheen, but are constructed from a recycled glass and clay mix, making them super durable for flooring and enhancing the possibilities of blurring your indoor living space with an outdoor terrace. Available in a choice of 10 colours, created from natural plant pigments and applied by hand. From £200 per square metre (madeamano.com).











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STUDIO GABRIELLE

Newcomer Louise Parker's practice combines an architect's sensibility with an artist's feel for the serene

Who is she? Dynamic designer and stylist Louise Parker (below) set up Studio Gabrielle in 2017, when she was just 25. She was always destined for a career in design – her father, a quantity surveyor, has worked on high-profile projects including the British Library. 'Some of my earliest memories are of accompanying him to work – I was always surrounded by plans and technical drawings,' she says. Parker completed a degree in architecture at De Montfort University, and then moved to Melbourne, Australia, to work for a series of architectural practices before returning to the UK. 'Melbourne's focus on wellbeing and holistic living inspired me to set up Studio Gabrielle in Essex rather than London,' she says. 'The calmness of my surroundings filters through into the stillness of my designs.'

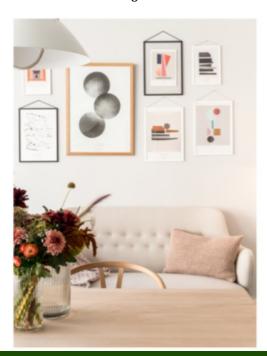
What's her style? Parker describes her aesthetic as 'sculptural purity' and cites designers Vincent Van Duysen and Ilse Crawford

as influences. Her designs have the tranquillity of still-life paintings, with understated colours and objects that take on a sculptural presence. 'I use a restrained, neutral palette to celebrate attention to detail,' she explains. 'Natural and sustainable materials work well with my style, so you'll see rattan, marble, leather, wood and linen in my designs.'

Recent projects The revamp of a grand Grade II-listed Victorian townhouse in Eaton Place (right) is a lesson in how to make white interesting. 'We embraced its original features, but added contemporary flourishes, such as Florence Knoll sofas, bespoke flower arrangements and Scandinavian accessories,' says Parker. Last year, she made her mark on the (now closed) Skandium Townhouse (below) in Kensington, playing on the idea of blending still-life and interior elements. 'We used simple forms and rich textures.'

Current projects Parker's putting the finishing touches to a new interior for a medieval Norfolk cottage, as well as working on a penthouse project in Miami and a four-bedroom home in Hong Kong. **She says** 'I love that interior design fulfils all of my creative passions, embracing architecture, photography, product, branding, floral design, colour curation... no two days are the same.' *studiogabrielle.co.uk*







EXPERT ADVICE

Louise Parker on giving your home a sense of calm

SCULPTURAL PRESENCE

Work out how you want a room to feel, not look There's been a lot of buzz recently about the Scandi concept of 'neuro design'. It's about creating spaces that prioritise our health and wellbeing, by understanding how objects can affect us emotionally. My first rule of design is to work out how you want to feel in your space. You can then use colours, textures and objects to optimise that feeling.

Use a neutral colour palette This is one of the tricks I use to celebrate detail, cutting out the 'noise' of an interior to create a more tranquil experience. One of the challenges of working with softer colours is making sure that the room still feels warm and interesting – to do this, you need to add natural textures for depth. One of my favourite combinations is linen and velvet – just divine.

Take it slowly, room by room Curating your entire home all in one go is an overwhelming task. Instead, pick the room you feel most confident about styling and start there. You'll learn so much from that initial design process that your plans for the others will take shape organically.

Rethink your art Art is a powerful tool for bringing serenity into a home, whether finalising a setting or steering the eye to an emotive focal point. But it doesn't always have to be a print or a painting. Use sculpture and ceramics to transform your home into a domestic gallery space.



Coffee table BOKS to TREASURE





Conran Shop (conranshop.co.uk)





Atlas of Mid-Century Modern Houses by Dominic Bradbury A weighty catalogue of the movement's giants and lesser-known gems, from the perennially popular Kaufmann House to era-defining interiors by Charles Eames and Gio Ponti (Phaidon, £100).



Kelly Wearstler: Evocative Style by Kelly Wearstler and Rima Suqi An insight into the inimitable interior designer's biggest and boldest projects, covering everything from private homes to her work with boutique hotel chain Proper (Rizzoli New York, £42).



East London Homes by Sarah Bagner This trip across London's hip stomping ground takes in the homes of 29 residents who share their endlessly individual approaches

to interior design (Hoxton Mini Press, £30).



Hi-Fi: The History of High-End Audio Design by Gideon Schwartz Tracing the path of hi-fi design – from the winningly retro to today's analogue renaissance – this timely tome will appeal to design lovers and audiophiles alike (Phaidon, £65).



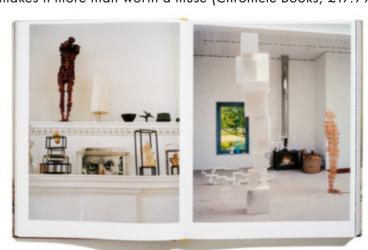
The House of Glam: Lush Interiors and Design Extravaganza A love letter to living big, this tour through the homes championing gloriously gutsy design highlights punchy projects from Cristina Celestino to Nina Yashar and David Alhadeff (Gestalten, £45).



Uncommon Paper Flowers by Kate Alarcón Papersmith Kate Alarcón offers a step-by-step guide to capturing her delicately crafted flowers. Failing that, the still-life photography makes it more than worth a muse (Chronicle Books, £17.99)



Tim Walker: Wonderful Things by Tim Walker and Susanna Brown Fantastical photography is in plentiful supply in this companion to Walker's V&A exhibition, featuring conversations with muses Gwendoline Christie, Karen Elson and Tilda Swinton (V&A Publishing, £30).



François Halard: A Visual Diary edited by Beda Achermann Punctuated by his scrawled captions, these images from the celebrated interior photographer imbue the chaos and calm of artists' homes and studios with an intimate feel (Rizzoli New York, £72.50).



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On the brink of a HOME RENOVATION

As writer Raven Smith embarks on the exasperating project of revamping his home from top to bottom, he reveals what he's discovered so far

Illustration by PAOLO GALLINA



After three years of casual saving – and by that I mean still going on long-distance holidays – I find myself on the brink of a maiden house renovation, leaving me with sweaty palms and skirting-board anxiety. Rather than rolling fields of opportunity, I'm aware of how much there is to get wrong. As the builders Dita Von Teese-strip the house back, here is what I've learned so far...

We'll *never* be *ready*

A bit like having children, you never have enough money or time for a renovation, but there's a distant fantasy point you're walking towards where everything is settled. We didn't touch the floors in our former flat, nor the sitting room. We didn't touch the garden apart from to sweep it just before people came over. We have little renovation experience – does changing the handles on the Ikea cupboards count? So this project is like trying to land a fully booked commercial flight after the pilot is taken down with food poisoning. A wing and a prayer will get us where we need to be. I want the interiors to feel natural and seeped in rich layers of history, without tipping into pastiche like a Dickensian BBC drama. A tricky balance.

You have to *design* the space in *theory*

Renovation means a lot of miming. Marcel Marceau-ing your way through an imaginary version of your life to sense-check your design decisions. Catch me in the invisible kitchen, frying imaginary eggs and making sure the imaginary fridge is near enough to the hob – it's like a horrific amateur dramatics exercise. My husband and I have full-blown rows over lighting and we re-enact washing up and 'leaving for the airport at 4am in the bleak midwinter'. In our heads, wall lights and cute little lamps battle it out like colosseum gladiators.

Renovation isn't curation

As a renter, I've always felt comfortable making a space my own. With the right furniture and the odd Byredo candle, a 'home sweet home' is made. In our last flat, I went with a 1970s hors d'oeuvres colour scheme with an avocado kitchen, shrimp pink bedroom and white bready walls in the bathroom. When making design decisions, walls, on the whole, are a cinch, but upgrading from a one-bedroom flat to a full house is somewhat daunting. Floorings and internal doors and fully-tiled bathrooms have a permanence beyond a fad wall colour that's easily painted over. Renovating a two-storey Victorian terraced house has a different energy.

Money talks

As with the rest of life, most things get better as you throw more cash at them. The best taps are expensive. There are no two ways about it. As is the bespoke sink unit you've never seen anywhere

apart from your own imagination. The pendulum between what you can do within your budget and what you actually want swings back and forth. As one of the builders remarked: 'What you want is a Ferrari for the price of a Volkswagen'.

The most *expensive* stuff is *invisible*

We're being forced to restore and re-source the invisible-but-vital parts of our house that we barely notice day to day – the plaster on the walls, the insulation in the ceiling, the kitchen sink, the toilet. We've decided to keep as much as possible, recycling internal doors and floorboards and naive dreams of a hotel-style bathroom. It all feels fantastically make-do-and-mend. But my eyes aren't the only thing I'm designing for. I want luxury beneath my feet in the bathroom. I want to feel the quality of the tiles, not just look at them.

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You have to *move out*

This means living out of a bag in a completely unromantic way, unlike Grace Kelly pulling the negligée from a bag in *Rear Window*. In the box room, which has been kindly volunteered to you by a friend of a friend, you keep tripping over your spouse. You curse. You start to wear your underwear inside out without blinking an eyelid. Renovation is the antithesis of hygiene.

Research is tough

Appropriate adjectives tend to evade you when you're in a hurry. I find myself sloppily searching 'beautiful' and 'traditional' and other lazy keywords into Google searches for the perfect tile. I got a repetitive strain injury in my finger from typing the four letters of 'tile' into Pinterest over the last month or so. The irony being I don't want a house that looks like it's been researched using Pinterest. I don't want an off-the-shelf house. I want the eclectic mix only obtained from hours of indepth research and snooping online. I want nooks. I want crannies.

Old versus new

The overwhelming pressure to fill the delicate shell of a house with new stuff, like pouring new jelly into an old mould, is full of poetic relief. I keep being drawn back into my past, excavating memories of personal history to weld into the new space. Each decision is an aesthetic diary entry – our iron patio doors, for example, are rendered in the same aged-bronze green as the railings in my Brighton hometown. Even the things we're buying new have invisible heritage.







ARCHITECTURE /



PLOT TWIST

Danish practice BIG, headed by the maverick architect Bjarke Ingels, has completed its first project in Norway. Traversing the Randselva river, 50 miles north of Oslo, the gallery-cum-bridge entitled The Twist forms an extension for the Kistefos museum and its sculpture park, which is the largest in northern Europe. Linking a historical timber mill with the park, the twisted 16-metre bridge clad in raw aluminium panels houses two gallery spaces, displaying celebrated works by artists such as Anish Kapoor, Olafur Eliasson and Lynda Benglis (big.dk; kistefosmuseum.com).

MINIMAL EFFECT

The latest and fifth volume in publisher Phaidon's account of John Pawson's stellar career, *John Pawson: Anatomy of Minimum*, covers designs from the past five years. Homing in on the essential details that mark the British architect's distinctive style, it includes projects such as London's Design Museum, Life House for Alain de Botton's Living Architecture and Home farm, Pawson's Oxfordshire house. The monograph also features a photographic journal that reveals his way of capturing light, space, texture and material (Phaidon, £49.95).



BACK TO SCHOOL

London-based practice Coffey Architects has transformed an apartment within a 19thcentury former school into a warm and considered home. To celebrate the building, and make a clear definition between old and new, the space was stripped back to reveal original details while modern interventions, such as floor-to-ceiling timber-clad walls, were added. Minimal in design, the space includes handcrafted stairs, Japanesestyle screens and a mezzanine floor (coffeyarchitects.com).

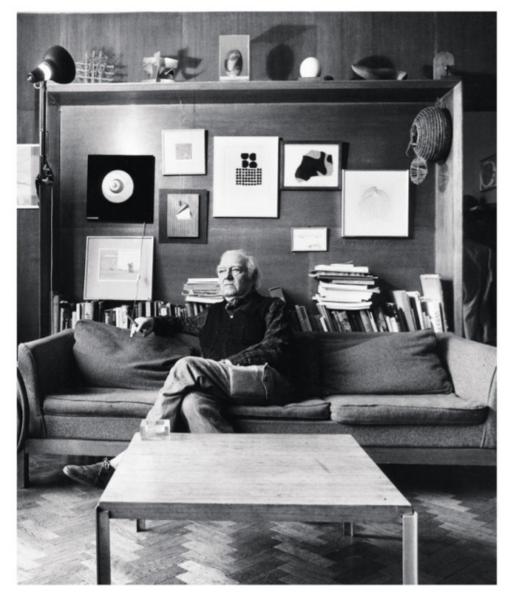


BAUHAUS MASTERS As the centenary of the iconic Bauhaus comes to a close, RIBA presents Beyond Bauhaus – Modernism in Britain 1933-66', an exhibition highlighting the seismic impact of three of the movement's masters: Walter Gropius, Marcel Breuer and László Moholy-Nagy. Focusing on their time living and working in Britain, it will look at their projects of the period and their lasting legacy. Until 1 February (architecture.com).



ARCHITECTURAL ICON

BALFRON TOWER



This east London symbol of Brutalist architecture enters a new era as the first luxury apartments in the refurbished Grade II*-listed building are revealed

Standing tall over Poplar in the London borough of Tower Hamlets, the Balfron Tower, completed in 1967, remains one of the best-known works of the modernist architect Ernő Goldfinger. London County Council commissioned Goldfinger to build the 27-storey landmark – his first major residential scheme in the UK – following the success of his 1939 residence, 2 Willow Road in Hampstead.

The legendary Hungarian architect's concept for the Brutalist structure was to create a concrete utopia with 'self-contained communities in the sky'. Five years after the completion of the east London icon, his next imprint on the capital's skyline, the Trellick Tower in the west, was realised. But while the Trellick Tower became a symbol of cool and part of the fashionable quarter of Notting Hill and Portobello Road, its Poplar counterpart never received the same levels of love and attention.

In 2014, London property developer Londonewcastle sought to change that, enlisting architects Studio Egret West and Ab Rogers Design (founded by son of architect Sir Richard Rogers) to restore the concrete masterpiece and transform its interior into high-end contemporary homes, with each practice responsible for 50 per cent of the properties. Consisting of 146 apartments and maisonettes ranging from one to four bedrooms, each new dwelling has been

THE CONCEPT FOR THE BRUTALIST STRUCTURE WAS TO CREATE A CONCRETE UTOPIA IN THE SKY

carefully reconfigured with open-plan living areas to allow more natural light, as well as spacious balconies. Two fully finished show apartments are already complete (one designed by each architectural practice), offering a glimpse at Balfron Tower's new guise.

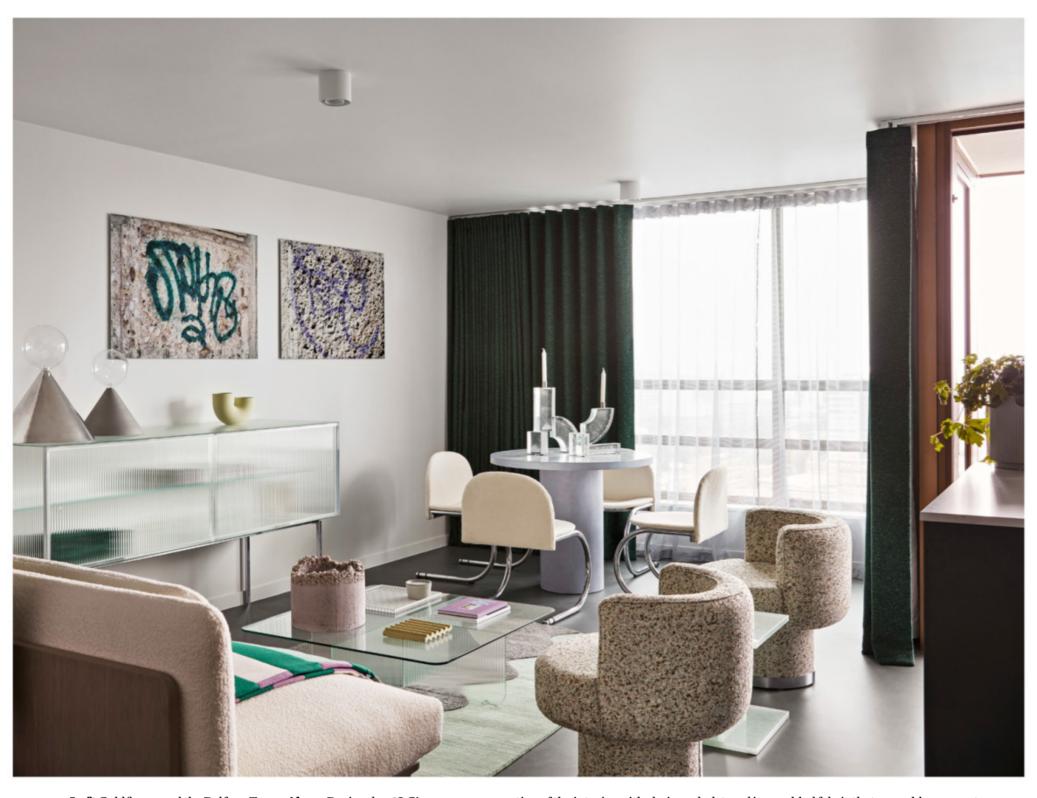
Studio Egret West worked with interior designers 2LG for its apartment, embracing soft pastel shades with fluted glass and aluminium accents. Meanwhile, Ab Rogers Design used bolder midcentury-influenced hues – a charcoal grey kitchen matched with icy blue flooring, white walls, plus an impactful red bathroom ceiling.

There are also plans to reinstate six heritage apartments, one of each of the original flat typologies designed by Goldfinger, including the apartment that Ernő and Ursula Goldfinger lived in during 1968. Designed by Studio Egret West, they will be as faithful as possible to original layouts and designs with reclaimed heritage details and historic colour palettes, while incorporating present-day mod cons.

When complete in early 2020, key communal spaces will be reintroduced, as per Goldfinger's vision, including a table tennis room, library, music room, and workshop, as well as spaces to house 21st-century essentials such as a gym, a yoga space, and a private cinema, housed in the former tank room. The scheme will also feature a new rooftop garden providing hydroponic growing towers, to allow residents to grow their own fresh produce – a fitting addition to the tower's reincarnation that chimes with Goldfinger's dream of 'communities in the sky'.

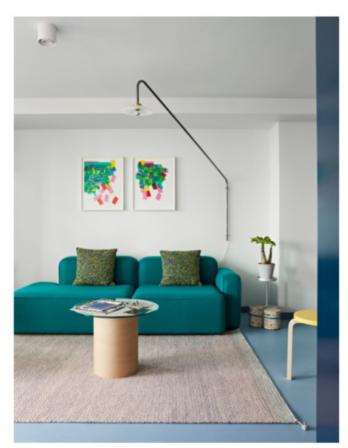
Apartments are for sale now, with prices starting at £365,000 for a one-bedroom flat. *balfrontower.com*

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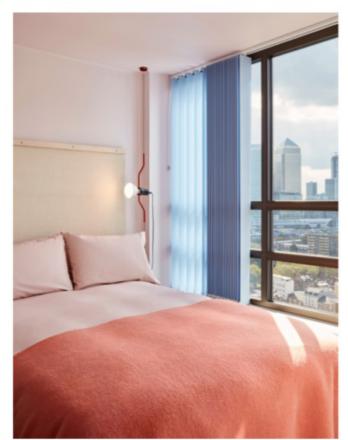


Left Goldfinger and the Balfron Tower Above Design duo 2LG's serene reconception of the interior with chairs upholstered in speckled fabric that resembles concrete, and aluminium elements softened by hues of forest green, pistachio and chalky lilac. A bespoke version of the 'Stanley' dining table sits beside vintage pieces

Below In the revamped apartments, Ab Rogers Design opted for a bolder colour palette with punchy pops of yellow, orange and green in furnishings and artwork



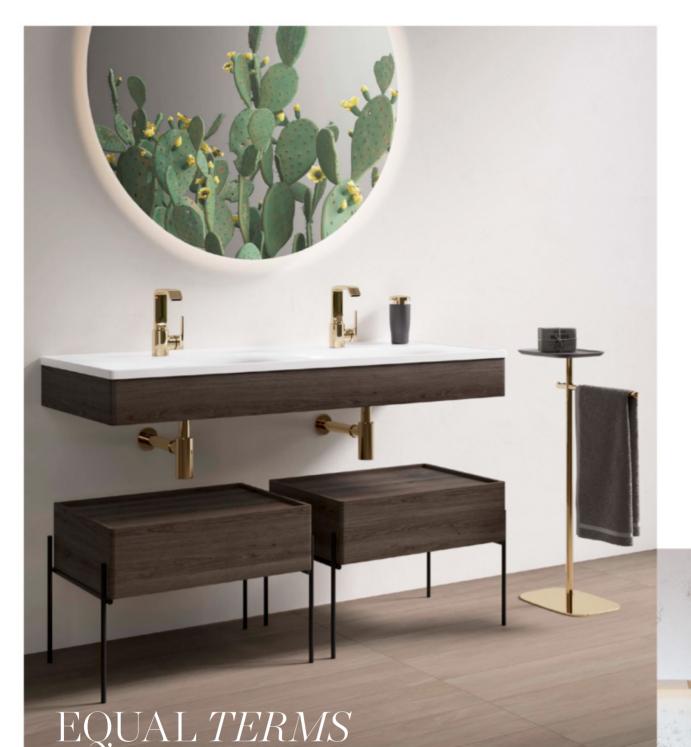








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SQUEAKY CLEAN

'Ciment Paris' organic soaps are inspired by the Mediterranean patterns of encaustic tiles and are made using a cold-pressed method, which helps to preserve the natural properties of the ingredients. Each design has a different scent (including Rose, Smoked Lemon and Powder), while the colours are made from organic pigments and charcoal to enhance the soaps' purifying qualities. £10 each, White Space Home (whitespacehome.co.uk).

Italian designer and architect Claudio Bellini has conceived furniture for the likes of MDF Italia, Driade and Poltrona Frau, but now he's applying his creative expertise to the bathroom with 'Equal', a new collaboration with VitrA. Using a combination of geometric shapes with minimal frames and borders, he has created a collection that exudes a light and contemporary aesthetic. It includes a mirror with integrated LED lighting, a series of storage and washbasin units and a wall-hung WC. 'Equal' washbasin unit with towel holder, £389; 'Illuminated' mirror, £349, VitrA (vitra.co.uk).

FULL SPECTRUM

The first of its kind in the UK, 'Spectrum' from Crosswater is an eye-catching new finish available in its 'Mpro' range of taps.

The surface is created through a process that deposits an oxide layer of colour onto the metal, giving a durable, iridescent look that changes when seen from different angles. 'Mpro Basin Monobloc' in 'Spectrum', £279, Crosswater (crosswater.co.uk).



Made from engineered quartz, 'Empira White' is the latest addition to Caesarstone's 'Supernatural' collection, a series of surfaces that combine the beauty of natural stone with the practical qualities of quartz. Designed to echo the look of marble with a pure white base and distinctive grey veining, the material is scratch-resistant, non-porous and easy to clean. From £550 per square metre, Caesarstone (caesarstone.co.uk).





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TECHNOLOGY /



Philips has taken inspiration from the past with its newest smart lighting range. The 'Hue Filament' smart bulbs offer all the benefits of the brand's existing connected bulbs – controlled via your phone's Bluetooth or voice via Alexa – while producing a vintage, softer glow. There are three shapes, from the classic 'Edison' (£19.99) and rounded 'Filament' (£17.99) to the 'Globe' (above, £24.99), which looks good enough to be left bare (meethue.com).



A messy key fob indicates a disordered mind. Tidy yours with the 'Key Organiser' (£15) by Ekster. It holds up to seven keys and, when paired with the 'Key Tracker' (£22), means you'll never misplace them again – you can pinpoint their exact location via the accurate in-app 'Lost & Found' feature (ekster.com).



THE CASE STUDY Eco-friendly phone protectors supporting good causes



PELA

Totally compostable, this cool Californian brand's cases are made entirely from sustainable materials. Plus, it donates a percentage from every one of its sales to ocean clean-up and preservation initiatives. 'Eco-friendly iPhone Case' by Pela, £29.95, Apple (apple.com)



WILD

Made from bamboo fibres and corn starch, these designs are entirely biodegradable. UK-based Wild pledges to give five to 10 per cent of every sale to The Ocean Cleanup, an organisation developing technologies to rid the oceans of plastic. 'iPhone 11 Pro 100% Biodegradable, Eco-Friendly Case', £22 (wildcase.co)

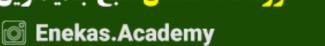


NIMBLE

Only recycled plastic bottles are used to make these cases, dispatched in plastic-free packaging. The California-based brand donates five per cent of profits to five hand-picked causes – Coral Reef Alliance, The Seabin Foundation, Wildcoast, carbonfund.org and Sea Save Foundation. \$44.95, currently US-only (gonimble.com).

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ELLIE GIFT GUIDE

In part two of our edit of covetable items in marvellous materials, we look at leather, textile and stone pieces that will never go out of style

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GLAM ROCK

Timelessly elegant and luxurious, the stone pieces to crave



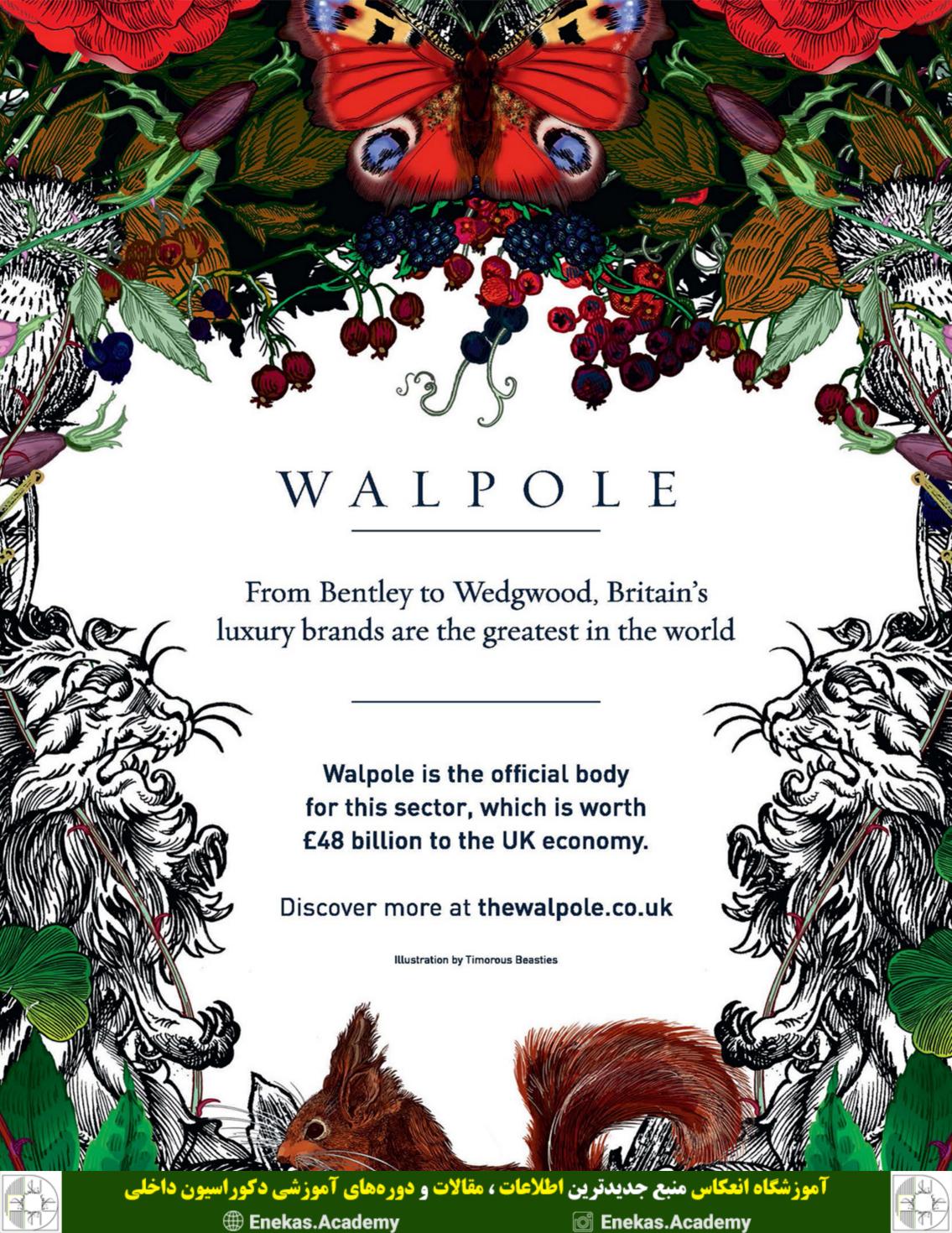












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Inspired by the cuisine and generous hospitality of Italian culture, lifestyle label Copson and London-based ceramics studio Kana have joined forces to produce a unique, handmade dining set. The collection calls on a 1970s palette, rich marbleised patterns and tactile finishes to create a homely, humble feel and includes receptacles for iconic Italian food and drink such as espresso cups, pasta dishes, pizza boards and negroni tumblers. 'Paradiso' collection by Kana X Copson, from £15 for an espresso cup (kanalondon.com).



PLEASED AS PUNCH

Give your gathering a retro flavour and bring out the punch bowl. Italian design practice Flatwig Studio's 'Mama Punch' handblown glass set with handles was inspired by the history of punch –traditionally enjoyed by British sailors on their return to the docks in the 17th century. Straw/stirrer, ladle and bowl, £297; set of four cups, approx £270; jesmonite tray, £244 (flatwig.com).





WELL DRESSED

Having left her eponymous fashion house in 2014, revered designer Ann Demeulemeester began modelling clay, producing her own ceramics and glazes from her home studio. To share her creations with a wider audience, she teamed up with fellow Antwerpian design brand Serax on a collection of ceramics, cutlery and glassware that echoes her love of sculptural forms. From approx £10 for a plate (serax.com).

Picture: amandine alessandra

Inner CIRCLE

A stylish solution for small spaces, Urban Outfitters' 'Astrid' dining table and bench are ideal for squeezing in the maximum number of guests. Honey-hued rubberwood lends a retro vibe, while the table's striking geometric cut-out base adds a graphic edge. Plus, they come flat-packed. Dining table, £499; bench, £199 (urbanoutfitters.com).



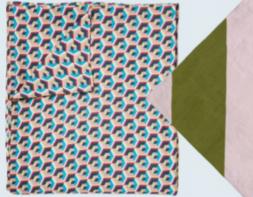
LOOKING SHARP

Design studio 2LG and British knife makers Savernake have partnered up to bring a slice of playfulness to food prep. The 'Triptych' sets comprise three precision-engineered steel knives with handles made from Durat, a post-industrial waste composite, and a trio of chopping/serving boards crafted from recycled plastic - all available in bespoke colourways. Knife set, £950; board set, £400 (savernakeknives.co.uk).



FIVE OF THE BEST LINEN NAPKINS

Bring a touch of satisfying texture to your table along with on-trend earthy tones



'Cubi', £90 for six, Double J (ladoublej.com)



'Stripe', £35 for one, Summerill & Bishop (summerillandbishop.com)



'Lario', £36 for four, **Designers Guild** (designersguild.com)



Communauté de Biens, £17 for four, Smallable (en.smallable.com)



Once Milano x Peter Pilotto, £48 for one, Matches Fashion (matchesfashion.com)







CONTEMPORARY CHINOISERIE

Pair sleek and simple lacquered furniture in red and black with Chinoserie elements to create an elegantly rich dining scheme





1'Mars Red' flat paint, £57 for 2.5 litres, Benjamin Moore (benjaminmoorepaint.co.uk) 2 'Traditional Taiwanese lantern' by HK Living, £498, Anthropologie (anthropologie.com) 3 'Scaramouche Col. 1 Summer Farandole' fabric, price on application, Dedar (dedar.com) 4 'Reflect' wall light, £1,494, Martin Huxford (martinhuxford.com) 5 'Serena' armchair, from £1,130, Porada (porada.it) 6 '499 Ordinal' dining table by Michael Anastassiades for Cassa, £5,556, Aram (aram. co.uk) 7 'Ripple' champagne saucers in Smoke Grey by Ferm Living, £35 for two, Utility Design (utilitydesign.co.uk) 8 'Rippled' earthenware bowl, £19.99, Zara Home (zarahome.com) 9 Silver-plated candlestick holders, from £19 each, Arket (arket.com) 10 'Eco Teak' cake stand, £36, Sophie Conran (sophieconran. com) 11 White etched water glasses by NasonMoretti, £695 for a set of six, William & Son (williamandson.com) 12 '66' black lacquered chair by Aino and Alvar Aalto for Artek, £349, The Conran Shop (conranshop.co.uk) 13 'Sunray Pink' rug by Mary Katrantzou, from £4,688, The Rug Company (therugcompany.com)







INSIDER GUIDE

SOCIAL PANTRY

Alex Head, founder of the sociallyconscious caterer, on avoiding waste

Love ugly There are some great food box schemes which use less packaging and deliver a variety of seasonal goodies; try Oddbox, which sells produce 30 per cent cheaper just because it doesn't look perfect. Otherwise, buy as local as possible.

- 2 Shop smart to prevent overbuying Embrace the shopping list, write a meal plan and overlap ingredients where possible. Christmas is a time to indulge and the chocs are sure to be out, so look for Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance approved brands.
- Christmas pud, 17.2 million Brussels sprouts and 11.3 million roasties are wasted each year. For me, a stack of brownies and ice cream beats a Christmas pudding; they all get eaten, so no unloved pud hits the bin.
- **Don't peel anything!** Trust me just add plenty of herbs, garlic, drizzled honey and seasoning mixed in with your veggies and no one will notice.
- Give every ingredient a second life Christmas leftovers make great roasted veggie soups, hearty curries, blue cheese and turkey pies, potato and sprout röstis served with a poached egg, cheesy pasta and veg bakes... perfect New Year's fuel.
- Opt for refillable and reusable. Keep This Cracker sells reusable crackers you fill and build your own (yes, with your own joke, too!). Refillable snaps mean you can keep on using them year after year. socialpantry.co.uk



the silverware to be used independently from

the stand. The silverware starts

life as discs, that are then spun

around wooden bases to form their shape. Polishing, fluting,

another layer of silver plating and more polishing results in

refined, yet durable pieces that

can be enjoyed every day. The

stand is created by local glass artisans Lobmeyr. Approx

£10,782 for the full set, Bodo

Sperlein (bodosperlein.com).



MUSE

Ferm Living's new 'Ceramic Platter' collection celebrates womanhood in all its forms with a series of hand-painted plates depicting female silhouettes. Each piece is signed by the painter and carries its own unique strokes and variations in colour, plus it comes with a wall-mounting solution, so you can choose to display it as a decorative piece or use it on the table. £85 each (fermliving.com).

CUT ABOVE

Loved by top restaurants all over the world, Portuguese brand Cutipol has been crafting cutlery since the 1960s. The elegant 'Goa' collection is one of its iconic ranges, designed by acclaimed minimalist José Joaquim Ribeiro. The 'Ebony' variation in high-quality stainless steel with black resin handles is designed to sit comfortably in the hand - they're dishwasher-proof, too. From £10, The Conran Shop (conranshop.co.uk).





DAILY *GRIND*

Hailing from Antwerp, Valerie_objects is a design label on a mission to bring beauty and 'aesthetic meaning' to everyday items. Design studio Muller Van Severen has been involved with the concept and recently added salt and pepper mills to the collection. Approx £82 each (valerie-objects.com).







INSIDER GUIDE

BORNTOPARTY

We ask the renowned event planner - and author of Born to Party, Forced to Work: 21st Century Hospitality' -Bronson Van Wyck (right) to reveal how he throws a bash at home...





What's the golden rule for a great party?

Make sure you aren't so tied up with your hosting duties you forget to spend time with your guests. It's essential to have face time with everyone at your party since they've made the effort to come spend their evening with you! If you're worried about tearing yourself away from party prep, this can still come in the form of greeting guests at the door, passing out canapés or refilling drinks. While it's your job as host to ensure guests enjoy themselves, this doesn't mean you shouldn't, too. The other thing you absolutely cannot do is skimp on alcohol or food. But you shouldn't feel you have to buy bottles

> and bottles of expensive wine. The later it gets, the cheaper the booze you're serving can be. As the night wears on, people really don't care what they're drinking as long as their cup is full!

What's the best way to plan? If you're entertaining at home, you've already overcome a big hosting hurdle since selecting a venue is step one. Your guest list should come next as that will drive everything else. You can't host a seated dinner if there's no

theme: it will inspire the menu, which will lead to the drinks and so on and so on. The secret is that no matter how excellent the end result, there will always be an epic fail or two (or three or four) along the way. We often have an 11th-hour crisis but our motto is that it's never too late to make it perfect. Seating plans: yes or no? Seating can play a key make-or-break role in the success of your event. With the stroke of a pen on a place card, you can frame an entire evening. For a meal, I prefer a seating plan as spreading the most interesting guests around the room creates multiple anchors for the social energy

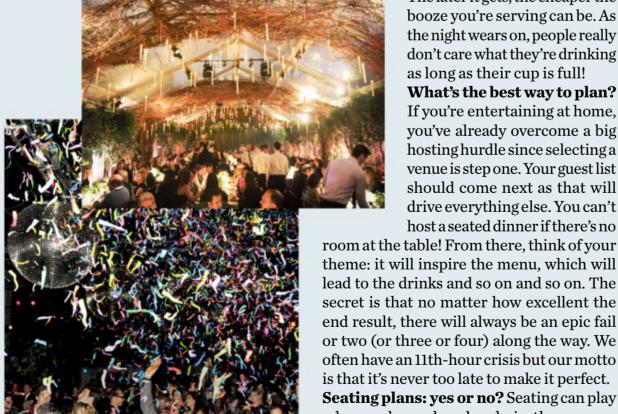
that is the nectar of a great night. Most people are either talkers or listeners (only the rarest individual is both, and they get invited everywhere), so by interspersing the socially facile with the less so, the shyer guests often drop their reserve.

How can you make an impact on a budget? Hospitality means making people feel good, and everyone feels better when they look their best. Lighting is everything; the easiest, least expensive thing you can do is turn down the lights and use candles. Instant drama. Instant romance. You can never have too many, so at least quadruple the number you think you'll need. For a warm, flattering glow, aim for

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a mix of tapers and votives scattered the length of all your tables. People are sometimes afraid to misbehave under bright lights but when they're turned down low you never know where the night could go... I love electronic invitations because they're efficient and cheap, and by cheap I don't mean low quality. A great invitation does much more than announce the event: it's the stage for your vision, and it's your opportunity to put that vision into your guests' minds early on.

Any ideas for unusual party decorations? I always say nothing is more interesting than what you already own. Interweaving treasured objects and heirlooms into tablescapes is the recipe for a look that's meaningful to you. What's the easiest way to create a party atmosphere? Music, bar none. It sets the tone and puts guests in your desired mindset from the get-go (Phaidon, £59.95; vanwyck.net).



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Since launching homeware online in 2018, Matches Fashion has expanded its offering to cater to its style-loving customers' growing interest in design. Our highlight is a new glassware collaboration between Sydney-based ready-to-wear designer Lee Matthews and London creative studio R+D Lab that works with glass artisans. The range includes tumblers, wine glasses and carafes in tonal pink, brown and orange hues and has a natural synergy with Matthews' feminine yet understated garments. From £40 (matchesfashion.com).

Bentwood is in Gebrüder Thonet Vienna's DNA, so when Italian designer Cristina Celestino embarked on creating a series of tables for the brand, she incorporated the technique with her signature use of rich hues and luxe materials. The 'Caryllon' table comes in a number of shapes and sizes (including coffee table variations) and combines wood marquetry inlaid tops, which have been dyed in jewel-like shades such as 'Red Lacquered' (pictured), with elegant lacquered beech legs, lending a sense of occasion to every meal. £7,530, Gebrüder Thonet Vienna at Monologue (monologuelondon.com).



FIVE OF THE BEST CANDLEHOLDERS

Introduce sculptural touches and a gentle glow to your scheme with these shapely designs



'Bruyere', £45 each, Soho Home (sohohome.com)



'Adonna', £92, Anthropologie (anthropologie.eu)



'Suki' geometric, £29 for a set of two. Made (made.com)



Three-arm metal and marble, £17, H&M (hm.com)



'Newstead' black and gold, £25, Habitat (habitat.co.uk)







INSIDER GUIDE

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Sarit Packer and Itamar Srulovich, founders of the much-loved Middle Eastern restaurants, on easy festive feasting

What's the simplest dish to scale up for a group? Anything slow-cooked in one casserole or roasting dish is so forgiving in terms of time in the oven – you can keep it hot until you're ready to eat and don't have to worry about it being overcooked. Our go-to is lamb shawarma served with plenty of flatbreads to soak up the juices, or slow-cooked lamb shoulder with plums and roses and a mound of buttered rice or couscous.

What about a minimum-fuss canapé? Make little pastries in advance. Our feta and chive bouikos or goat's cheese with harissa buns can be prepared ahead and frozen before baking – just pop them in the oven as your guests arrive.

How do you make cocktails feel festive? Citrus and spice work well around this time of year. Add a twist of clementine peel and some star anise to your favourite brandy or whisky and top up with ginger ale.

Top tips for decorating a winter table? Scatter fragrant green foliage – bay works a treat – down the table and place whole pomegranates or clementines as jewel-like decorations. Add copper-coloured twinkly lights to a display for an extra festive feel. What's the one thing to keep in mind? None of your guests want you to spend all your time in the kitchen, so prepare well and cook things you know, trust and love.

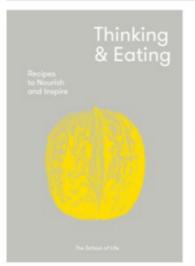
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<u>PRINTS</u> CHARMING

Launched last year by
Sophie Warburton, style
director of *The Telegraph*,
Host is an online store
that sources beautiful and
original things for the home
without the hefty price tag. Its
latest collaboration is a capsule
collection of tableware with
London-based Dutch design house
Ottoline. The range comprises side
plates, £12.95 each, and dinner plates,
£18.95 each, in three of Ottoline's
cheerful prints (hosthome.co.uk).



THOUGHT FOR FOOD



In an age where our Instagram feeds are inundated with food porn and every week brings a new diet or trend, trust The School of Life to challenge us to think differently about how and what we eat. The brand's first cookbook, 'Thinking & Eating', starts with a Food Manifesto then suggests 150 recipes that reveal how food can be used to enhance our emotional health, rather than just our physical wellbeing. Recipes are organised by ingredients and their symbolic meanings (£22, theschooloflife.com).

BOX OF DELIGHTS

Short on time? Let London studio Kitten Grayson Flowers take care of your table scheme with its new 'Travelling Tablescape' delivery service, a curated kit of beautiful arrangements, bud vases and candlesticks. Choose from two whimsical looks: a fresh take on festive crimson and gold, including red Ranunculus and Anemone with gold thistles and deep red candles, or a delicate dried floral arrangement in burnt oranges, pinks and gold paired with blush pink candles. Available until 21 December, from £230 (kittengrayson.com).















Hlamboyant

Want to know the secret to holding the most fabulous party? Maximalism and personality is key. Here, some of the business's most stylish hosts reveal all...

Words MICHAEL HENNEGAN

FIONA LEAHY

If it's theatricality you're after, look to the globally-renowned creative events designer, whose ultra-glamorous affairs have real impact

Known in interiors circles as 'the high priestess of the tablescape', there's not an awful lot that creative events designer Fiona Leahy doesn't know about orchestrating a theatrical table or room. Her decadent, atmospheric and immaculately designed, infinitely Instagrammable scenes and settings have made her the go-to events creative for everyone from Dita Von Teese (whose wedding, it's said, was Leahy's big break) to Damien Hirst, as well as Dior, Louis Vuitton, Louboutin and pretty much any other luxury brand you might care to mention. 'Entertaining at home is completely different to work,' says Leahy, who lives in London's Notting Hill, 'for a start, I'm using my own money.' It should be relaxing and stress-free, she asserts. 'If I'm doing an amazing table at home, you're probably going to be served pizza for dinner.' Once you've seen Leahy's table, you'll take the pizza any day. fionaleahy.com

- 🖈 Candlelight is everything place hundreds around the room. Create symmetry on your table with groups of three or four tall candles and low-level tea lights.
- * For your tablescape, work out what resonates with you. If it's paisley or floral, make your tablecloth, napkins and other table textiles from the same fabric.
- representation is a great way to make people feel welcome. Soho Home has the cutest trinket jars as an alternative setting, which you could engrave with the person's initials, put a treat inside and add a bow. Put a bow on everything!
- 🖈 Snow globes make great placements, too. Create calligraphy name cards and slot them in the middle – they look amazing.
- ★ For a seasonal winter table, I like tortoiseshell glassware, red accessories and cut-crystal. Anything that sparkles is a great addition.
- * When it comes to tree decorations, the camper the better. I collect baubles from around the world. Russian egg ornaments, tin robots – anything goes.
- next Decorate the fireplace with lots of fir, pine cones and ribbons, but vary the theme each year. I've done pastel and Lucille Ball on acid. This year will be more Nordic.
- * Scent is important. A tradition I learnt in Italy is studding oranges with cloves. I also love to light frankincense – it smells like three wise men have just left the building – while burning olive wood logs adds to the festive atmosphere.

SHOPPING LIST

Campbell-Rey for glassware Soho Home for trinket jars Once Milano for table linen V V Rouleaux for ribbons Oka for scallop-edged plates

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MATILDA GOAD

Inventiveness and individuality are essential ingredients for the designer, whose party style includes homemade decorations and a well-stocked drinks trolley

Creative consultant and designer Matilda Goad started her career in fashion before being diverted by a visit to a prop house while assisting super-stylist and Vogue fashion director Venetia Scott, and changing course to interiors. After a stint working on Fiona Leahy's team, Goad launched a pop-up store at Liberty, nailing the Insta-geist with her scallopedged rattan lampshade. Now she sells her whimsical planters, lampshades, tabletop linens and accessories from her online store, while collaborating with the likes of Matches Fashion, Tart London and Papier. Goad lives in west London with her husband Tom and says of festive decorating: 'It's important to do things a little differently.' matildagoad.com

- * A giant two-metre diameter twig wreath plays with scale and looks amazing. Plus, you can update it each year.
- * For maximum impact, hang a beautiful garland across the front of your house or a door, not just a mantelpiece.
- ★ I love a nod towards tacky Christmas decoration; candy canes in different colours for your tree are beautiful.
- 🖈 Making your own crackers is great. Last year I collaborated with Tart London. We put spices and a recipe in each one, to use with the leftovers from Christmas day.
- * Buy plants instead of cut flowers as they last longer. I lean towards white and greens and use helleborus and hyacinths a lot. Also, paper-white narcissi are really scented.
- * Bowls filled with an abundance of nuts and ruby red pomegranates can themselves be really great decorations.
- ★ For the table, there's something quite elegant about glass plates in bright colours. I'll be serving food on vintage platters.
- ★ Last year I made decorations by gluing velvet bows to clam shells which was fun and felt less traditional, adding a fresher element to the jewel-tones of my tree.
- ★ A drinks trolley is a nice touch it not only looks great, but as a host, you want people to feel at ease and help themselves.

SHOPPING LIST

Daylesford is always great for gift buying The Conran Shop for original presents and stocking fillers Rococo **Chocolates** for treats **Covent Garden Flower Market for foliage**









LAURA JACKSON

For the first festive season in her new home, the style maven and supperclub host will dress her table with dried flowers, colourful candles, and clashing platters for a vintage feel

TV presenter, writer, fashion aficionado and supper-club host Laura Jackson got her big break in the industry while working on reception at Shoreditch House, after a member offered her an audition. A stint on T4 with Nick Grimshaw was followed by appearances on BBC quiz shows and The Gossip. She launched a supper club with radio host Alice Levine, which resulted in the book Round to Ours, and recently started her own lifestyle brand Hoste. This year, Jackson will be spending Christmas in her newly renovated east London Victorian terrace house that she shares with her husband, photographer Jon Corrigan, daughter Sydney and whippet Barry. hostelondon.co.uk

- ★ Layering is key, starting from the tablecloth; napkins don't have to match but linen ones are the best.
- ★ Initialled napkins are a more stylish way to personalise settings than traditional placement cards.
- ★ No table is complete without candles. Mix coloured styles from Ester & Erik as well as church candles and tea lights for variety.
- ★ Flowers can be dried, in jars or little bunches. Keep it small and chic though. Ribbon is a fun, affordable way of adding colour, too.
- ★ I love to handwrite a menu. If your handwriting isn't good, ask a friend, or get something printed by an expert.
- ★ If you want to create an entertaining starter kit, the essentials are large server platters – whether family heirlooms or from a charity shop. These present the main focal point of your table, so big beautiful vintage pieces go a long way.
- ★ Ebay is amazing. I buy so much old English china, plates and glassware. It's inexpensive and you can mix and match it to make your own style.
- This year, I'll be decorating my tree in a really simple way, with my own dried flower garland and also dried flower baubles Kitten Grayson is doing them,they're amazing.



SHOPPING LIST

The Vintage List for glasses By Eleanora for napkins Tess Newell for menus Matilda Goad for candles Etsy for tablecloths and general tabletop bits and bobs





LUKE EDWARD HALL & DUNCAN CAMPBELL

Go kitsch this season with a 1970s-inspired tablescape from this dynamic designer duo, complete with retro canapés, bold blooms, vintage crockery and an abundance of personality

Hosts par excellence, artist and designer Luke Edward Hall (far right) and partner Duncan Campbell (right), co-founder of creative consultancy Campbell-Rey, met over a decade ago during a stint interning at fashion brand JW Anderson. After quickly moving in together, the debonair pair have been throwing dinners and parties in their home, the second-floor flat of an impressive Camden townhouse, for over eight years. This summer, they bought a cottage in the Cotswolds and have been spending more and more time there entertaining at weekends. It's also where they plan to host Christmas. 'We love to cook and prepare for everyone,' says Edward Hall, 'we're really excited. It's so nice to have a little more space.' lukeedwardhall.com; campbell-rey.com

- 🖈 A party shouldn't need a huge amount of planning. We send an invitation about a month before. It's nice to design it if you can; I might doodle something simple, or Duncan will design the invite.
- make sure to build the evening up. Music should be gentle to start with some lovely carols and then, as the night goes on, it can progress to jazz. Finish with 1980s pop – it always gets people dancing.
- 🖈 A sketch instead of name placement cards can be a nice touch and will help make guests feel special.
- mixing napkins against a bare wooden table can be very effective. We collect them and love to mix up, say, block-printed designs with chintzy floral ones.
- * Combining a spectrum of coloured candles always looks great.
- 🖈 We're keen on a 1970s-esque canapé spread... devilled eggs, chipolatas, breadsticks, cheese straws, devils on horseback. It adds a kitsch flavour to the whole evening.
- mismatched cutlery and tableware look organic, add originality and steer your table away from looking contrived. We collect ceramics and glassware, so it's fun to use vintage bits and bobs we've found along the way.
- # Huge bunches of flowers add drama to any table. Lots of foliage, such as eucalyptus, is great around the festive season, but we also love tulips or giant delphiniums. Don't forget to add greenery elsewhere too, mistletoe above doorways is a must.
- * We love to add a bit of fun with pieces that look like something else –
- ★ And remember, Christmas isn't the time for subtlety! ➤

SHOPPING LIST

Fern Verrow for beautiful flowers Pentreath & Hall for candles Station Mill for vintage crockery Rigattieri Liliana in Venice for ceramics John Derian at Liberty London for stunning glass tree decorations







FAYE McLEOD

Entertaining is a luxurious, full-scale production for Louis Vuitton's visual image director

You may have spied the giant rainbow starburst emblazoned across the façade of the revamped Louis Vuitton's Bond Street flagship: that's down to Faye McLeod. As visual image director for the French luxury powerhouse, she's responsible for the window displays globally. McLeod honed her skills at retail stalwarts Selfridges, Liberty and Topshop before heading to New York where she made Vuitton windows – including the life-size model of dot-obsessed artist Yayoi Kusama - some of the most talked-about in the business. Does she take homedecorating quite so seriously? 'Listen, I have Fiona Leahy as a best friend so the bar is set pretty high,' she says. 'You need to make sure everything is looking amazing.' McLeod now lives in London, where she will be spending Christmas with her partner and kids.

- ★ I start planning my table with the flowers, normally from Scarlet & Violet. I prefer a very opulent country garden style. I use 10 or 12 low vases down the centre of the table as it's important not to block people's view of each other.
- ★ My mum collects amazing old cutlery sets from vintage stores and markets for me and that's always my Christmas gift. I then use them for our lunch.
- ★ I use vintage napkins which I have dyed to a specific colour, I also get my tablecloths dyed to match. It makes it unique and your own.
- ★ Gold letters are great for Christmas. Either big ones in the house or smaller ones wired into the tree or wreaths. I've wired in 'Noel' before.
- 🖈 I was in Mexico last year and returned with bags of pom poms -I attached them to all of my Christmas presents. They're great with brightly coloured ribbon and plain paper.
- * I always think about how I'm wrapping my presents. Does it coordinate with my tree and wreath? It's important to have a thread between them all. I've been looking at a lot of paper structures and origami as this year's theme. Similar ribbons can be the connecting element.
- * I have a mirror ball in my front room! It's pretty big but means that it's perfect for a house disco. It has LED lights shining on it. I don't want to go out after dinner so this way we can just stay home and dance.

Bergdorf Goodman for beautifully created Christmas decorations Astier de Villate porcelain for Christmas gifts Scarlet & Violet for flowers

STEPHANIE SIAN SMITH

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LAURA WEIR

With own-recipe chutney, log fires and mulled wine, hosting is a warm and welcoming affair for the editor and author

Editor of *ES*, London *Evening Standard*'s magazine, and author of new book *Cosy* (Yellow Kite, £14.99), Laura Weir started her career as a fashion editor at *The Sunday Times Style* and *Vogue* before interiors piqued her interest. 'I still love fashion,' she says, 'but we're being encouraged to consume less, and as you get older, making your home a lovely place to be is so satisfying.' *Cosy* was inspired by an interiors column on the theme which she penned for the paper. 'Britain has an amazing legacy of being cosy – whether it's cottages or London terraces. We have such wonderful textiles and fireplaces, all of which are perfect for Christmas.'

- ★ A real tree is an absolute must for me. I like to have a lot of greenery around the house. I chop a few choice fronds off the tree and combine them with ivy and eucalyptus, using twine and tartan ribbon, then thread them in and out of the balustrades.
- ★ I have a wreath and I like a rustic woodland vibe. Flowerbx's all-leaf wreath is a nice departure from tradition.
- ★ To decorate the tree I make Christmas decorations with my daughter Astrid, like little gingerbread men but out of salt dough. I mix these with jewel-coloured vintage baubles that I've been collecting since I was 15, and candy canes.
- ★ For wrapping, last year was brown paper (very sustainable) and tartan ribbon. This year will be the same.
- ★ I collect jars all year and make homemade chutney and label them as 'Astrid's Chutney'. I give them to everyone who comes to the house.
- ★ You shouldn't worry about being traditional with music –we've had years playing reggae and loads of Wham!
- ★ The signifiers of Christmas, for me, are blankets, candles, a cosy log fire, and I stock up on mulled wine, fruit spice teas (Pukka does a great one) and hot chocolate – Green & Blacks or Fortnum's have the best.
- ★ I'm aiming to channel my mum and nan's Christmas taste when it comes to decorations I've learnt from the best!

 Less is just... well, less. If you're going to celebrate Christmas, do it in all of its camp and cosy glory.



SHOPPING LIST

Upper Street, Islington, London, for the wonderful toy shop and a lovely charity Christmas card sale in the church **Grays Antiques** for antique table linen or posh glassware **Labour and Wait** in Redchurch Street for something simple and stylish for a festive gift or an entertaining emergency **Selfridges** because I love the store's commitment to spreading Christmas cheer **Fortnum & Mason** for stocking fillers, treats and inspiration **See Stockists page for details**





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ot long ago, the food styling rulebook decreed that to showcase culinary crafts, white tableware was key. Certainly through the 1990s and early 2000s, fine-dining establishments wouldn't risk a cluttered canvas to present their edible artworks. Now you'd be hard pushed to find a white plate exiting the kitchens of our master chefs.

Two food revolutions that have dominated the past 20 years, molecular and New Nordic cuisines, have fed the phenomenon. They are often credited with changing how we eat, but have also upended the tools and trappings of the dining table. Makers and chefs now collaborate closely to create serveware that extends the story told by the food. 'Now it's not just about eating, but to have an experience and enter the world of the chef, says Michelin-starred chef Hélène Darroze.

An early protagonist in the design of the molecular table is Martin Kastner of Crucial

'NOW IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT EATING, BUT TO HAVE AN EXPERIENCE AND ENTER THE WORLD OF THE CHEF'

Detail. A blacksmith-turned-designer and innovator, he is still inventing for the likes of Tak Room in New York (recently, a custom butter twirler). KH Würtz studio in Denmark, meanwhile, was founded by father and son ceramicists Aage and Kasper Würtz in the early 2000s, when they sensed a renewed thirst for hand-thrown stoneware, and were well placed to answer the call for experimental earthy ceramics from Noma and the New Nordic crew. They set the tone for future chef-maker collaborations.

Chefs often pick and choose work from across a number of studios. Darroze is working with the Israeli ceramicist Noam Rosenberg, as well as Sarah-Linda Forrer. Simon Rogan of L'Enclume, Aulis and now Henrock, is perhaps the UK's most prolific commissioner of bespoke tableware and works with ceramicists across Europe, including Odd Standard. Here, we profile some of the food world's favoured makers.





Their projects see a high degree of customisation. Rest, in Oslo, which opened last year, uses food waste, so they worked with 100 per cent recycled glass. The most characteristic piece is a plate with real chicken feet [above] as a comment on the large quantity of hens thrown away each year. The feet have been dried and treated with foodsafe black coating,' says Sandberg.

'The design of our products is not finished until the chef has put it to use. It only then transforms with the food.' *oddstandard.no* ➤









SARAH-LINDA FORRER

Forrer conducted her studies at Design Academy Eindhoven, a laboratory of concept-driven design, and so is not the maker but the thinker behind a number of chef collaborations. Born in the French Pyrenees, she now lives in Amsterdam, and made her first foray into accessorising chefs' tables via a collaboration with the Amsterdam-based, globe-hopping experimental supper club Steinbeisser. Keeping her design lines close to those that nature supplies, her collection for the supper club's Lloyd Hotel, Amsterdam, event were 'spoons' made from alabaster and speck stone (below left). She took the unusual step of offering her subsequent shell-shaped dish designs (top left) to Hélène Darroze, who saw a synergy with some of her cooking and developed them with Forrer for the menu at Marsan and The Connaught.

She has since designed commissioned plates for Stefan van Sprang of restaurant Aan de Poel in the Netherlands, and for Pavyllon, Yannick Alléno's new Paris address. Forrer works with a Limoges porcelain manufacturer and feels the challenges of the discipline keenly. 'I design from a concept – reconnecting people with their food and breaking table taboos – and a visual signature, but it doesn't always translate easily into producible, strong plates. It's about finding the limits of these factors, which allows me to design something that makes people think and eat in a different way, gives them a new experience, but that's still usable in a busy restaurant.' sarahlindaforrer.com

LUKE HOPE

Hope is a born-again creative, who returned to his art-school roots in 2014 after 20 years continent-hopping for more corporate pursuits. Finding equilibrium in the meditative practice of wood carving, he has since been coaxing sycamore, walnut and ancient bog oak into exquisite sculptures that are both functional and fantastical in form and texture. A commission from James Baron, chef at Austria's Hotel Tannenhof, for some spoons on which



to serve amuse-bouches, set Hope on a path to produce tableware to order for top tables around the world.

In the past year, his chef-commissioned oeuvre includes walnut bowls and spoons for chef Atsushi Tanaka at Restaurant A.T, Paris; spalted beech spoons for Ollie Dabbous of Hide, London (right); pinch pots for Patrick Powell of Allegra, London; and sycamore bowls for Peter Gilmore of Quay, Sydney. The individuality of hand carving speaks to the modernday storytelling needs of chefs, while Hope has developed ways to ensure his work's durability. 'I'm meticulous in the finish,' he explains. He supplies the restaurants with a wood balm he formulates himself. At the newly opened 12-seater Ernst in Berlin, they clean his bespoke spoons at the end of each night before plying them with his balm. *lukehope.co*







OWEN WALL

Wall is a one-man microfactory, juggling ideas, experimentation and production for a great number of influential chefs. Wrangling with his inability to find time to feed an Instagram account, you get the impression Wall has his nose in clay most of his days, when not chatting to his considerable portfolio of chef friends about upcoming requirements. An MA in ceramics and glass at the Royal Academy of Arts in 2008 set him on the path to designing restaurant ware. With some foresight, on his RA page he wrote, 'I see my future in designing for hotels and restaurants. These vibrant social arenas offer exciting opportunities for a designer. They are "real" settings where work can subtly subvert, provoke thought, be passive or

highly interactive, enhancing the social experience.'

For 10 years he has been doing just that for London talent such as Isaac McHale of the Clove Club and Luca; Adam Byatt at Trinity, and newly at Charlie's, Brown's Hotel; Erchen Chang at Bao and Xu (see the pedestals, right); Jeremy Chan of Ikoyi (a black and white dish they call the 'cow plate', above, among others); Patrick Powell at Allegra and recently, he worked with Merlin Labron-Johnson for his new 'tiny' restaurant Osip in Bruton, Somerset. Wall senses a slight backlash against the crafty look, having lately worked on pieces with a finer finish and detailing – with Labron-Johnson the aesthetic is considerably pared back. owenwall.co.uk



WELL WITH THE AESTHETIC'



LISA OMMANNEY

Ommanney, a Hackney-based ceramicist and fine art graduate of London Guildhall University, hand-builds raw, timeless and often unglazed pieces. Her first big commission was for 800 plates – with an eight-week turnaround (for London's Firedog, now closed). 'It was a steep learning curve,' she muses. More recently, Ollie Dabbous of Hide, London, came knocking on her door for her ragged-edged vessels (left).

'The design of the restaurant space echoes nature, with beautiful suggestions of trees, woodland, nests – the forms of my vessels fit well with the aesthetic,' says Ommanney. 'We agreed the glazes would be matt, and we focused on earthy tones. These make

a great foil for the stunning, often colourful dishes Ollie designs.' It was important to Ommanney that she maintain the 'unique landscape' of each edge while ensuring consistency in the dimensions of the vessels. 'There was a lot of measuring, trimming and re-measuring.' Another consideration was that the glazes feel comfortable to drag cutlery across – if too matt, it can put teeth on edge. 'In a nutshell, fine but not fragile, unique but consistent, matt but not too matt, ragged-edged but not inaccessible,' says Ommanney. 'A Goldilocks object!' Now in the process of a collaboration with a chef who focuses on sustainability, she is exploring new forms and techniques. 'These types of commissions are a brilliant opportunity to develop and expand new ideas.' *lisaommanney.com*



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BEST-LAID PLANS



LET THERE BE LIGHT

Evoke dreams of a cool, white Christmas, with this stripped-back palette of snow-and-ice shades. Add glowing candles and a contemporary glass lamp for a sophisticated Scandi feel

Above 'Tab' tablecloth, from £235; 'Tab' napkins, £25 each, both Society Limonta (uk.societylimonta.com). 'Esag' candleholders, from approx £45, Atipico (shop.atipico.it). 'Bolle Soffio' white marble and brass table light by Giopato & Coombes, £1,692, Viaduct (viaduct.co.uk). 'May' flutes, approx £155 for a set of two; 'Margot' decanter, approx £248; 'Margot' wine goblets, approx £171 for a set of two, all Fferrone (fferronedesign.com). 'Silver' chairs by Vico Magistretti, from £856, De Padova (depadova.com)

TAKE A BOUGH

Steer away from the traditional tree and max up the wow factor with a bauble-dressed sprig suspended above the table, as inspired by Laura Muthesius and Nora Eisermann of blog Our Food Stories

Opposite 'Crystal **baubles**, £4.99 each; **tableware**, **glassware**; **candles**; and **table linen**, all from a selection, Zara Home (zarahome.com). For similar vintage 'Bentwood Bistro' **chairs**, try Vinterior (vinterior.co). **Bough** styled by Mary Lennox Flower Studio ➤

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DARK TALES

Add a shot of drama to proceedings with this contrasting black and white theme reminiscent of a Dutch master, here designed by bespoke planner and designer Anne Ladegast-Chiu of Hilde

Opposite For similar napkins, try 'Lario Alabaster Napkins', £36 for four, Designers Guild (designersguild.com). For black candles, try 'Black Dinner Candles', £8 for six, Nordic House (nordichouse.co.uk). For similar candleholders, try 'Concrete Duo' candleholders, £10 each, Decorum (decorum-shop.co.uk). For similar cutlery, try 'Old Cutlery', from £22 for a set of six, RE (re-foundobjects.com). For similar side plates, try 'Hasami Porcelain Gloss Grey Plate', £12 each, La Gent (la-gent.com). For similar glasses, try 'Sommeliers Montrachet' glass, £115 each, Riedel (riedel.com). 'Model A' chairs, from £207, Tolix (tolix.co.uk). Floral arrangements by Still Life Flowers (stilllifeflowers.co.uk)

FROND EMBRACE

Create a Narnia-esque fairy-tale mood with an enchanting centrepiece of tonal dried flowers and bleached fern. See Beth Kirby's Local Milk blog for a guide to making your own

Above 'Haydee' white linen tablecloth, approx £82; light pink linen **napkins**, approx £23 for a set of two, both Celina Mancurti (celinamancurti. com). Vintage brass **candleholders**, sourced from Etsy (etsy.com). For similar glasses, try 'Wine Balloon Glasses', £60 for a set of four, LSA International (lsa-international.com). For similar cutlery, try 'Gold **Cutlery**', $\verb§£34 for a set of five; for plates, try 'Organic Shaped \textbf{Dinnerware Set'}, from \\$ £4 for a plate, all West Elm (westelm.co.uk). For a similar charger, try the 'Maguelone Presentation Plate' in 'Grey Cashmere', £27, Amara (amara. com). Find silk ribbons at VV Rouleaux (vvrouleaux.com). For similar floral arrangements, try Worm (weareworm.com)





EARTHLY DELIGHTS

Bring the outside in for a nature-themed setting, rich in earthy shades. This table, created by sustainable event designers Luminosa, hints at warm winter sun with dried floral arrangements and organic textures

Above Organic calico **tablecloth**, from £80; naturally dyed cotton **napkins**, from £14 each, all Luminosa (luminosa-events.com). '365+' 30cl **glasses**, £3 for six, Ikea (ikea.com). Hand-built **dinner plates**, £36 each; hand-built **side plates**, £28 each, Olivia Fiddes (oliviafiddes.com). For similar antique silver **cutlery**, try Baileys (baileyshome.com). For similar antique brass **candlesticks**, try Vinterior (vinterior.co). Vintage **chairs** painted in 'Stiffkey Blue' **paint**, £62 for 2.5 litres, Farrow & Ball (farrow-ball.com). For similar chairs, try 'Stefan' **chair**, £22, Ikea (ikea.com). For similar coloured candles, try 'Eco Dinner **Candles**' in Old Rose and Pearl White, £12 for a box of six, British Colour Standard (britishcolourstandard.com). For similar **bud vases**, try Petersham Nurseries (petershamnurseries.com).

LIGHT AND SHADE

Let your tableware do the talking with beautiful smoky grey glass in clean shapes that lets the light shine through. Limited decoration required, this is all about simple, elegant styling, care of Our Food Stories

Opposite 'Trestle' **table**, approx £2,152; 'Triangolo' **chairs** in Steel, approx £904; 'Adam' **bench**, approx £603, all Frama (framacph.com). **Tableware**, **glassware**, **cutlery** and **glass vases**, from a selection, H&M Home (hm.com)

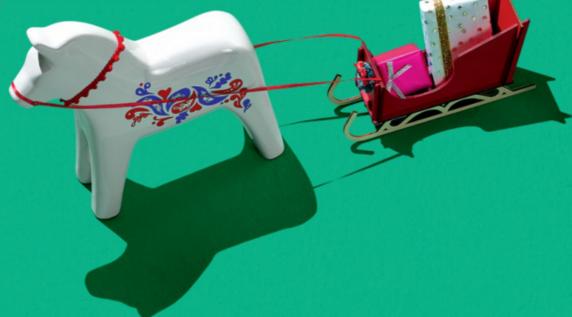






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Benjamin and Alice are currently immersed in the Paulin family business. Under the banner of Paulin Paulin Paulin (Benjamin's mother Maia makes it a trifecta), they are taking pieces from the Pierre Paulin archive and putting them into small-scale production. While other companies produce many of the late Paulin senior's designs, the family are creating them on a painstaking artisanal basis, frequently in limited editions. The family home, which is shared with Irene, five, and Diane, two, also acts as a laboratory and showroom. 'We think that people want to see the pieces in a real context,' says Benjamin, 'so we invite architects, decorators and collectors to view the work here.'

This is an apartment where designs are tested out and lived with. In the centre of the lounge sits the origami-like form of the 'Tapissiège' daybed, with its corners that can be propped up to recline against. 'Our absolute favourite thing to do in the living room is to all climb onto that piece and read,' says Benjamin. In the

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kitchen, where he likes to cook lasagne or brandade (an emulsion of salt cod and olive oil) with sweet potatoes, there's a sculptural combined table and seating unit that demonstrates the most futuristic end of the Paulin design spectrum. 'We made a prototype of it that we showed at the Design Miami fair and it was bought by someone who lives just a few streets away from us,' says Benjamin. 'It was our dream dining table so we made one for us, too. Only two exist, and they are both here in the same neighbourhood in Paris. It's not for everyone, but we may produce more of them in the future.'

Living with such design gems, in an environment that serves as a showcase for them, must surely present problems with two small children running around? 'This is a space to live in more than anything,' counters Alice. 'We're not going to shout at our children because they want to express themselves. And anyway, you know how it is – the first mark on something is terrible, after that it really doesn't matter.' *paulinpaulinpaulin.com*

Living room Alice and Benjamin sit on the 'Big C' sofa. The honeycomb-like shelving unit – containing lamps by Isamu Noguchi for Vitra, a portrait print of Lucian Freud by Francis Bacon and classic ceramics from Sicily – was originally designed by Pierre Paulin for Herman Miller at the end of the 1960s

Dining area This 'Miami' dining table and seating module is one of just two produced to date. The 'Sphere' chandelier was originally designed for the Maison de la Radio in the 16th arrondissement in 1962 Opposite Designed in 1981, the 'Cathedral' by Pierre Paulin is paired with some of the designer's prototype chairs from 1959. The painting behind is by Bengt Lindström























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The curious heart

Inspired by its owners' passion for exploring cultures and crafts, this home gives Parisian style a worldly makeover

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'We are curious people!' the owners of this Parisian home declare, sharing a quality that is clear from the minute you step through their doorway in Strasbourg St Denis. Working in the legal profession and the film industry, they both have a lot of opportunity to travel. 'Meeting cultures, finding fresh forms of craftsmanship, and discovering architecture, gardens and landscapes that we never imagined is how we gain our inspiration,' they add. Their global perspective sits well against the distinctly French backdrop of this apartment, with its decorative stucco and original woodwork. The success of this mix of styles is largely thanks to architect Federico Masotto.

Italian by birth, Federico (pictured) has lived in Paris for the past 30 years, where he has worked under the wing of Jean Nouvel, the founder of the Paris architecture biennale and a master of mixing the contemporary and the traditional. 'We were looking for an architect capable of offering a sophisticated and modern vision of what it means to live in Paris today,' explain the owners. 'He has been able to mix a sense of decoration with an Italian colour palette, all without neglecting the apartment's Parisian touches.'

From its dramatic navy blue entrance hall, the rooms of this home can be taken in at a glance. To one side there's the large living area – previously two smaller rooms – and to the other there's the kitchen, where Federico has made a statement with terrazzo, Zimbabwean granite and orange lacquered cabinets. That same zesty touch can be spotted in the dining room, with its fluorescent chairs by Stefan Diez for E15, while the bedroom is painted an indulgent forest green. 'The interior is defined by its calm and simplicity,' explains Federico, 'as well as its stimulating colour relationships'.

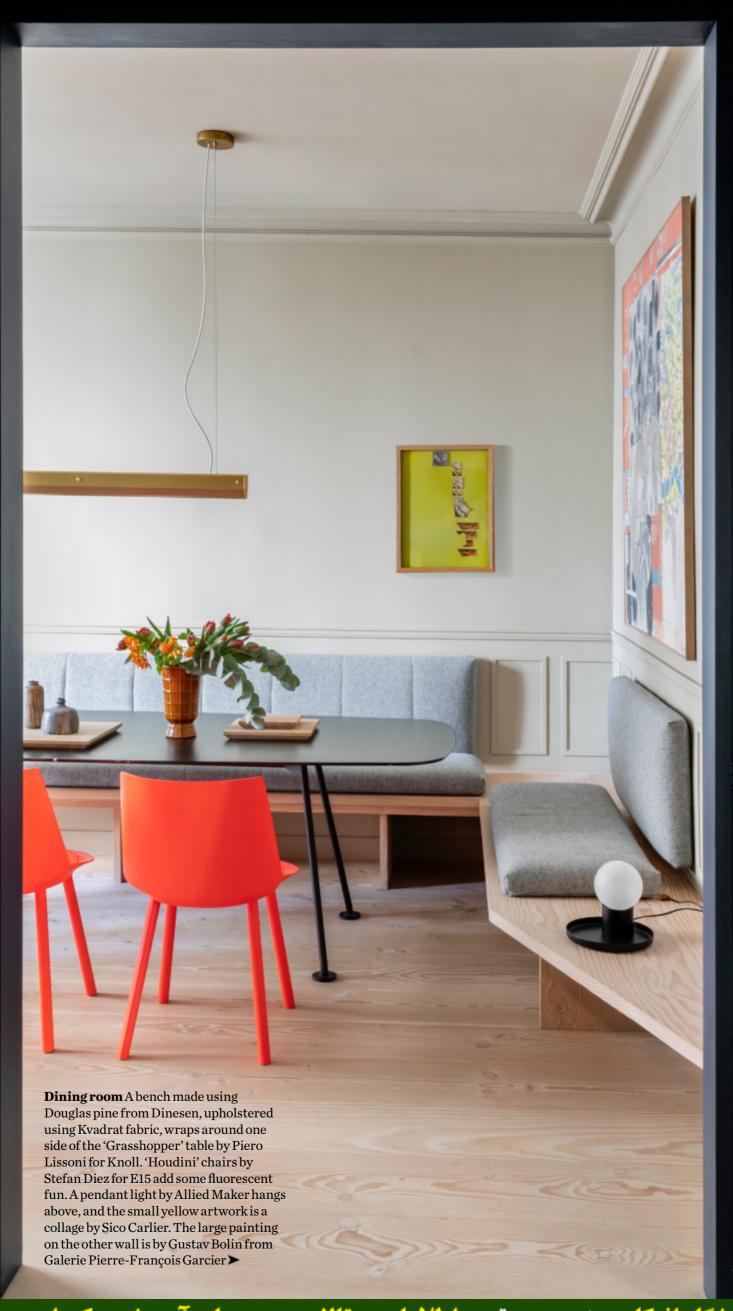
The furniture selected speaks to broad tastes and open minds. Bespoke pieces by Federico sit alongside important and iconic designs, including a Brutalist coffee table by American designer Paul Evans, a chest of drawers by father of the American craft movement George Nakashima, and modernist armchairs by Ernő Goldfinger, purchased from London antiques dealer Abel Sloane at 1934.

Cutting-edge yet linked to the past; global yet local, this home embraces its contradictions. It's an approach that perfectly suits this neighbourhood of Paris. 'It's both bourgeois and young, ever in turmoil, varied,' say the owners. 'There's everything here that we love, and also love to hate, about this city.' *federicomasotto.com*

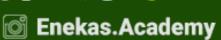
















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Kitchen An 'Arc Globe' light by New York-based firm Allied Maker illuminates bespoke cabinetry by architect Federico Masotto. The same terrazzo is used on the floor and splashback, while the countertop is made of hammered and brushed Zimbabwean granite. The collection of ceramics includes pieces from Atelier Setsuko in Paris, as well as finds from the owners' travels











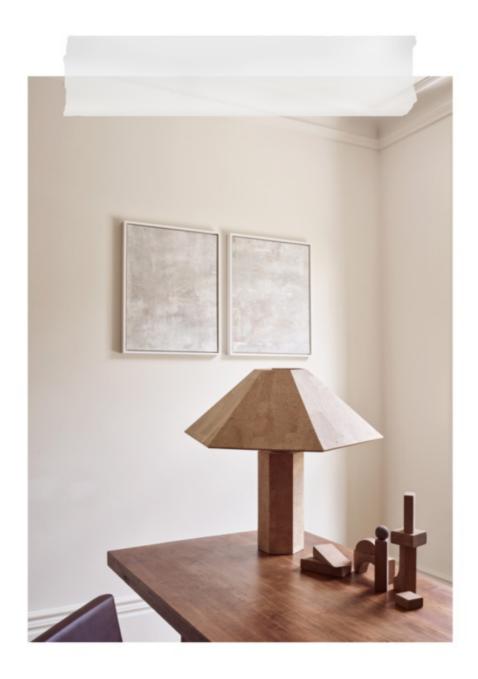
Bathroom A washbasin from Duravit's '1930' series sits atop a custom-designed, glossy black column. The taps are by Rubinetterie Stella and the ceiling light from Allied Maker Bedroom The bed is made of Douglas pine from Dinesen and is complemented by custom-made bedside tables and a headboard coated in glossy lacquer. The 'Crescent' wall lamp is by Allied Maker See Stockists page for details ED







THE POWER



OF QUIET

Evoking calm and contemplation, this east London home's interior is sumptuous in its simplicity

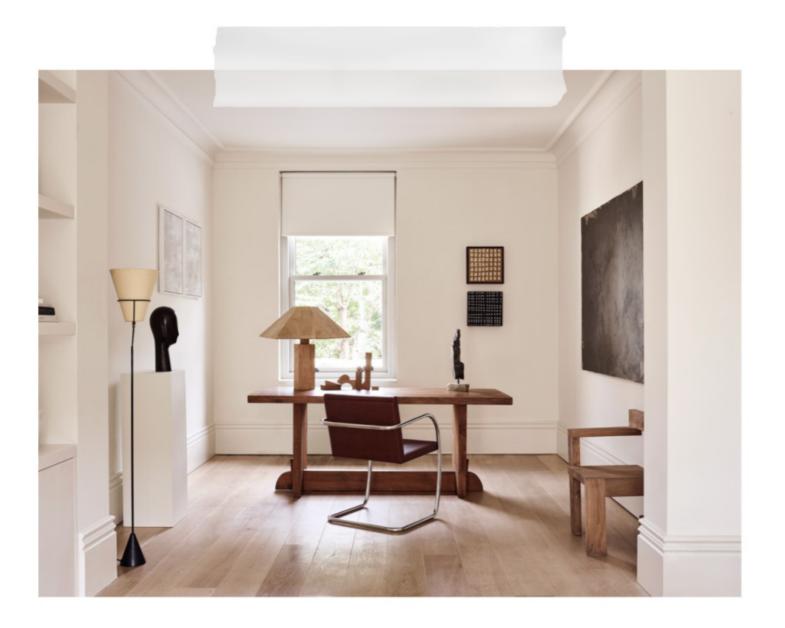
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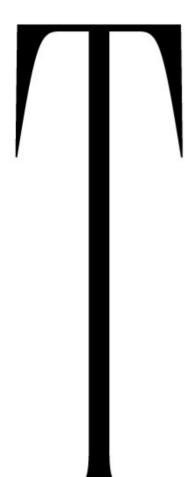












he streets of east London can be a loud, vibrant assault on the senses, but this Victorian house in the heart of Clapton possesses almost monastic levels of serenity. It's surprising, then, to learn that it's a home born out of countless conversations and creative collaborations.

Bought back in 2014 by Ed and Reema Stanbury – the couple behind trendy workout spaces Blok Gyms – the house was unloved and unlovely, with shabby 1970s wallpaper and dodgy carpets. Busy growing their business and with little time for domestic renovations, Ed and Reema put the project in the hands of design studio Daytrip's founders Emily Potter and Iwan Halstead, who they had worked with on commercial projects. 'They trusted us to do what we felt was right, so we had an open brief,' explains Iwan. 'It was our first residential project so we wanted it to sum up our style: simple and serene, full of natural light and considered materials.'

Extending into both the cellar and the attic was the first job. There are now five floors, with the kitchen moved to the lower-ground level to create a new living space that opens onto the garden and is kept cosy in winter by a wood-burning stove. The materials used are all important, with the limewash plaster walls, softly polished concrete floors, marble and Douglas fir timber chosen, in Iwan's words, 'to bring a sense of softness to the house'. 'They interact with shafts of daylight from the skylights and will develop a patina with age,' he adds. Likewise, a tonal palette of whites and creams helps to make the old and new parts of the house sit seamlessly together.

Already fans of Sophie Pearce and her London design store Béton Brut, Emily and Iwan asked her to create a scheme of furnishings that would complement their pale and interesting interior. 'It was a happy alignment of tastes and visions,' says Sophie, who describes her approach as 'using lighting and furniture to elevate interiors to a higher art form, imbuing them with sculptural qualities'. It's an ethos that is especially visible in this home. 'By keeping the aesthetic minimal we've created a retreat-like place of calm,' she adds.

A large part of that feeling of calm must also be credited to the collection of art on display. For this, Sophie turned to stylist Laura Fulmine and her new company M.A.H (Modern Art Hire). Her mostly abstract pieces pick up on the tranquil colours of the interior, raising them to more than the sum of their parts.

This level of teamwork is not always easy. An outcome this peaceful can only be testament to great trust and a shared vision. *daytrip.studio; betonbrut.co.uk; modernarthire.com*

Sitting room Béton Brut had the curved sofa by Slagelse Møbelværk reupholstered in sheepskin (previous page). It is joined by a 'Congo' chair by Theo Ruth and a vintage 'Trebol' coffee table by Oscar Tusquets. The 'Bologna' pendant light is by Aloys Gangkofner for Peill & Putzler, while the floor lamp is an original by ASEA. The artworks and sculptures were curated by M.A.H, and include ceramic pieces by Julie Nelson, Akiko Hirai and Jo Modernpotter

Study A 'Lovö' table by Axel Einar Hjorth for Nordiska Kompaniet is paired with a 'Brno' desk chair by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe for Knoll. A sawn-oak 'Steltman' chair by Gerrit Rietveld is placed to the side. The cork desk lamp is vintage Ingo Maurer







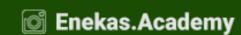
Kitchen Opening out to a garden designed by Tyler Goldfinch, this space features bespoke whiteoiled Douglas fir cabinets. The hob is by Bora and the taps - powder-coated in off-white – are by Studio Ore. The large ceramic vases are by potter Su Rogers and the rustic bench is an antique French find >













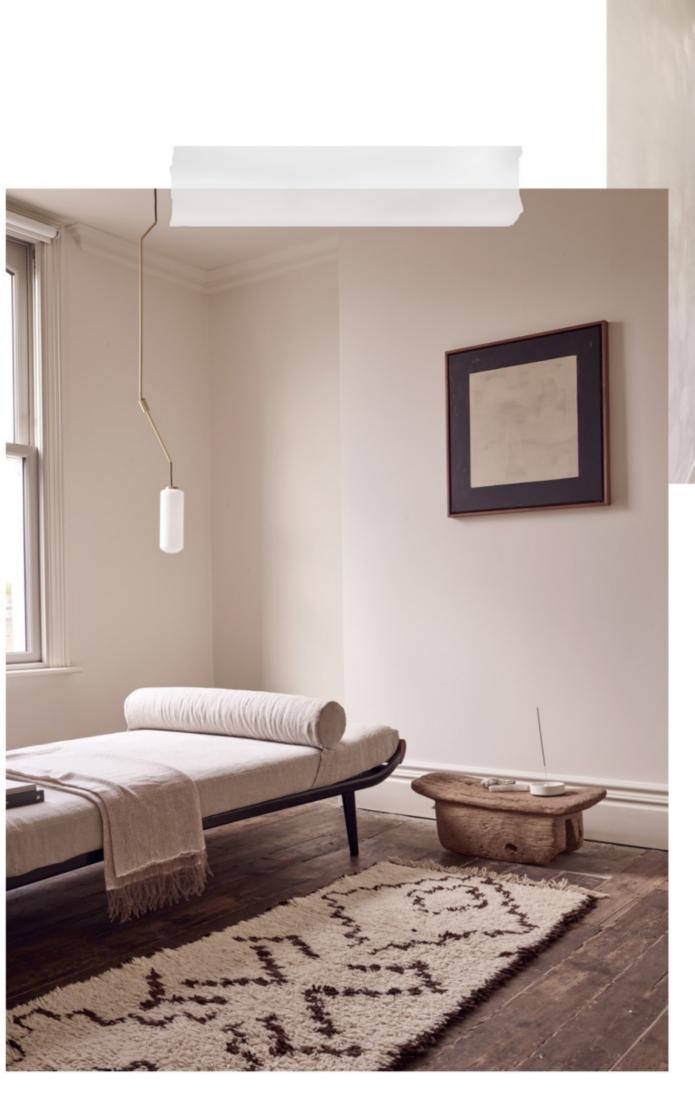
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Opposite In the dining area on the lower-ground floor, Angelo Mangiarotti's 'M1' table in Calacatta marble is contrasted with original 'Cesca' chairs by Marcel Breuer, under a low-hanging 1950s pendant light by Tito Agnoli, all from Béton Brut **Stove detail** Housed in a bespoke concrete surround by Daytrip, this Stovax stove brings a cosy feel to the open-plan kitchen. The 'Akari' light is by Isamu Noguchi for Vitra, supplied by Béton Brut **Snug** This intimate space on the lower-ground floor features bespoke storage in white-oiled Douglas fir and a 'Camaleonda' sofa by Mario Bellini for B&B Italia, reupholstered in moleskin velvet by Béton Brut. The side table is a Jacques Hitier design from the 1950s ▶







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Meditation room The perfect place to rest, this 1960s daybed by Dick Cordemeijer, reupholstered in fabric by Pierre Frey, is from Béton Brut, which also sourced the 'Ventus' pendant light by Included Middle for Frama, vintage Burkina Faso stool and Beni Ourain rug from Larusi **Staircase** The original stairs were extended to access the new lower-ground floor kitchen and attic rooms **Guest bedroom** A monastic, pared-back look prevails here with a low-slung bed, flanked by a rustic stool that displays a fibreglass rock lamp. The artwork is by Christian Rosival, while the white linen bedding is from H&M Home









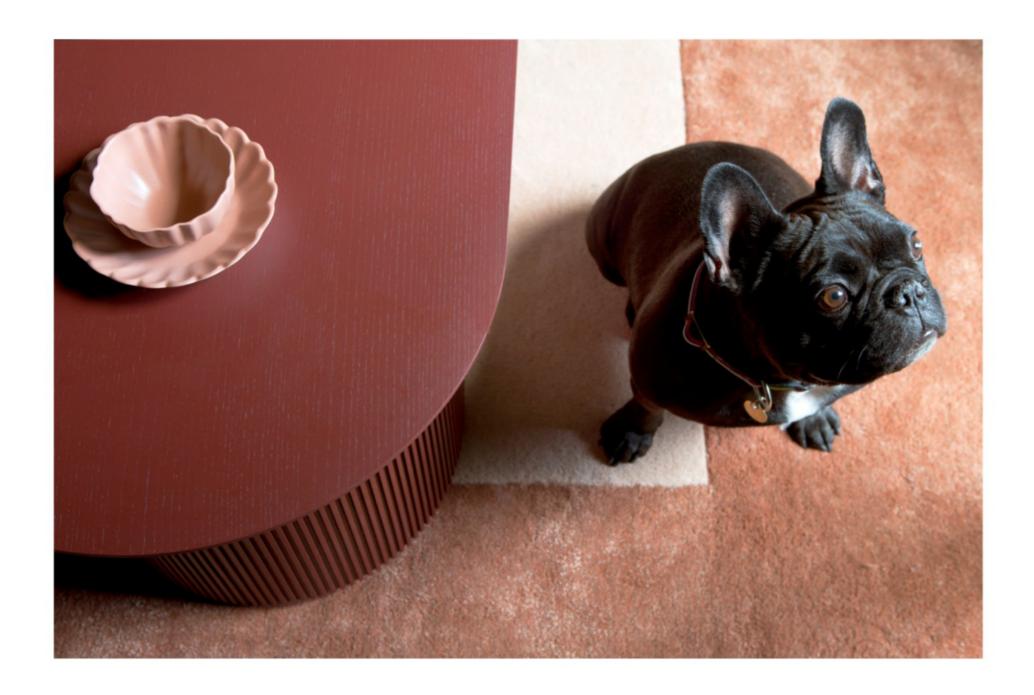








PLAYFUL



Victorian and ultra-modern architecture collide with colourful results in this joyful Dublin home

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Living room Sebastian, the homeowners' French Bulldog, sits on a rug by Linie Design (available at Heal's), beside a 'Podia' coffee table from Ferm Living. With a lick of pink paint and the addition of Mutina tiles, the fireplace now suits this vibrant space, which also features a 'Yiban Yiban' chair by Maison Dada and a 'Carousel' pendant light by Utu, available at Do Shop. The artwork is *The Lonely Surfer* by Danish photographer Nicky Bonne and the fish-shaped glass bottles are from Serax

















STAND ON ITS DOORSTEP

and this home, in a well-heeled district of Dublin, looks like any other Victorian property. However, this one disguises a surprise: an angular, uncompromisingly contemporary extension. It's an addition that could not form a starker contrast to the higgledy-piggledy charm of the home's more traditional rooms.

John Monahan, a partner at architecture firm Noji, designed the stylish anomaly for himself, but never ended up living here. Instead, the house was sold to a young professional couple. Their challenge was to tie its contrasting spaces together without diluting any of their charm. For that, they turned to Róisín Lafferty from interior design firm KLD (Kingston Lafferty Design).

'We wanted to create a consistent language,' says Róisín, explaining how the geometric lines of the modern kitchen's roof can be seen mirrored in the details of the joinery in every room. It's what she refers to as the 'curious playfulness' of the colour palette, however, that really unites this home. Rooms in the original parts of the house are deliberately dark and moody, offsetting the brightness of the extension. Many of the paints were created by KLD for Irish brand Fleetwood, and all tell a story. The mustard in the hallway is an ode to one of her favourite cocktails, the Old Fashioned, while 'Bofin Fern', the deep green in the playroom, is named for Inishbofin Island, Róisín's best-loved place in Ireland. 'Colour, for me, is an emotive thing,' she adds. 'The tones here are cocooning. Although they are loud, there's a calmness to them.'

Suiting the Irish-themed palette, the owners' art collection features an array of local painters and printmakers, including Chloe Early and Jill Deering. The furniture, meanwhile, focuses on curvaceous shapes which act to soften the sharp motifs used on the cabinetry. 'We deliberately chose organic forms that have an almost toy-like quality,' adds Róisín. 'It's a light-hearted approach that reflects the owners' personalities.'

Since work finished on the house, the couple have welcomed a baby daughter into their life. Now, the cheerful reworking of this home will come into its own and, thanks to Róisín, these new parents can enjoy a supersized bedroom with an en suite. Created by knocking two bedrooms together, this grand grown-up space is sure to be a real retreat in years to come. 'I always talk about the importance of home on everyone's lives. It can have such a positive impact,' says Róisín. 'When you work with people to create a space that makes them feel genuinely happy... that's pretty great.' *kingstonlaffertydesign.com*

Playroom A wall of bespoke built-in storage painted in 'Bofin Fern' from KLD's 'Vogue' range for Fleetwood, provides ample space for toys and a vast vinyl collection. Its angular decoration is mirrored by the Mutina tiles set into the fireplace. The artworks are by Irish artists Chloe Early and Jill Deering ▶













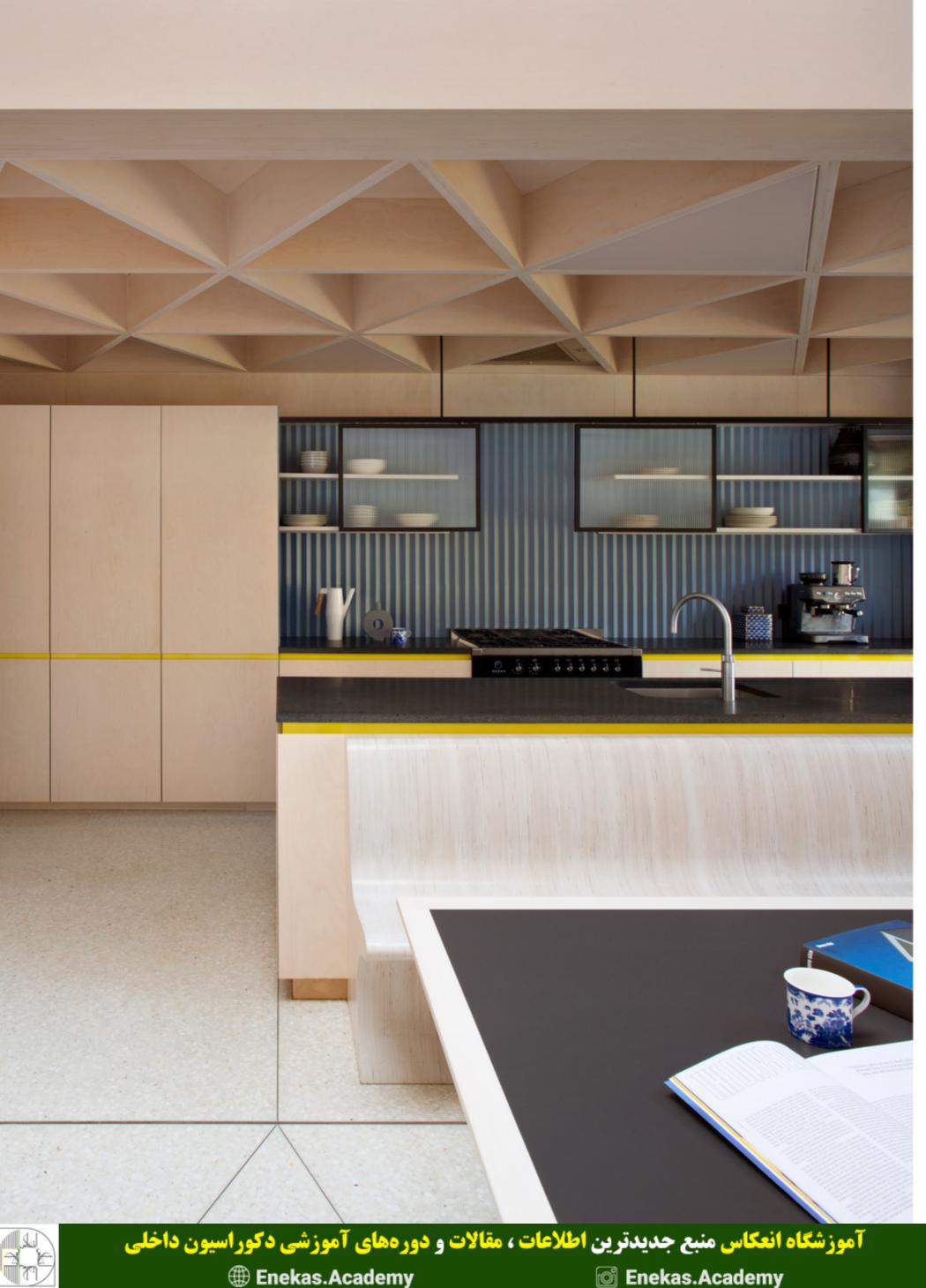


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Kitchen Designed by architecture firm Noji, this birch plywood-clad extension is a bold departure from the Victorian style of the rest of the home. Interior design firm KLD added the fluted-glass wall cabinets and the splashback, which features 'Rombini' tiles by Ronan & Erwan Bouroullec for Mutina. The vase and jug on the counter are from Dublin-based shop Article









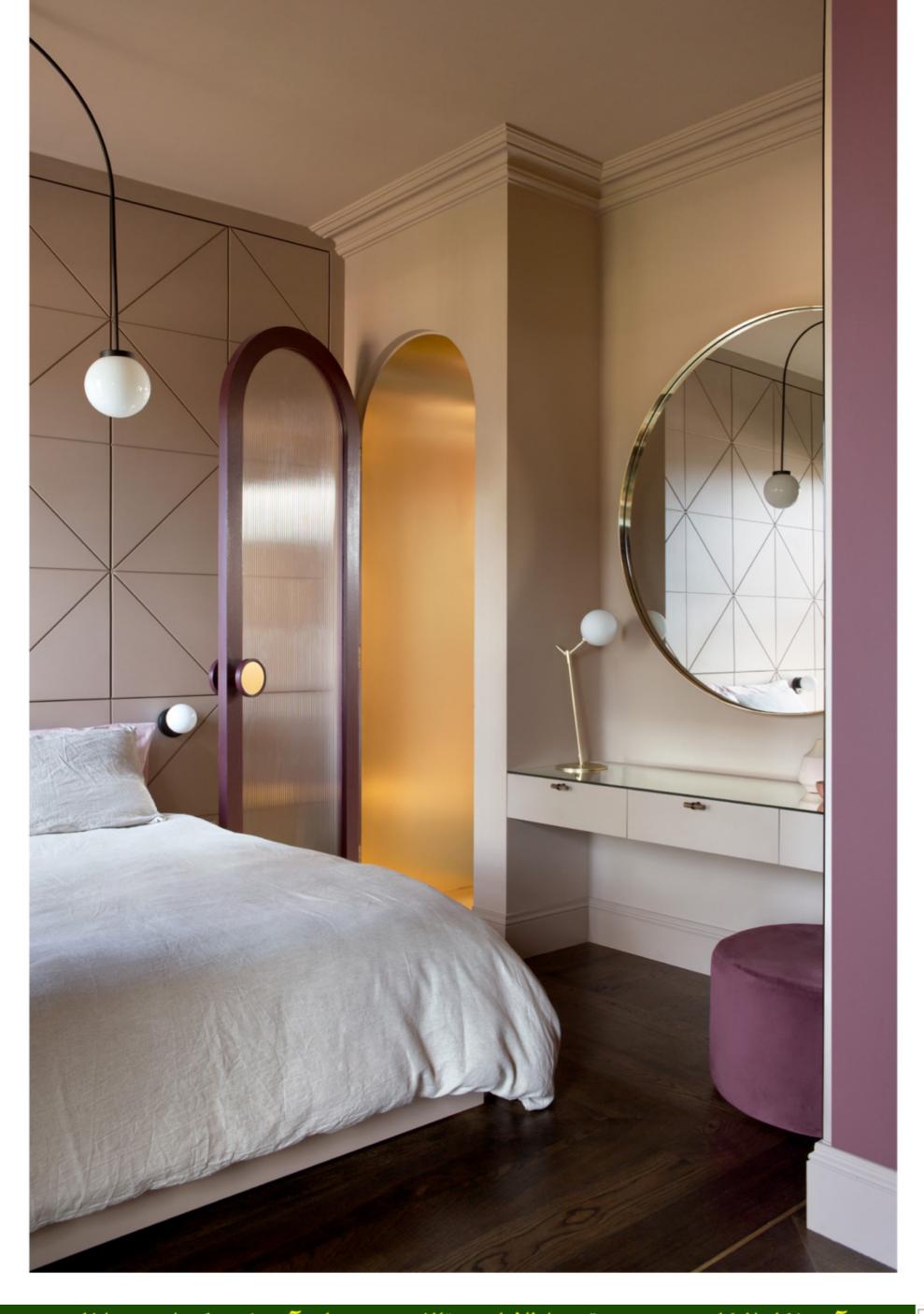






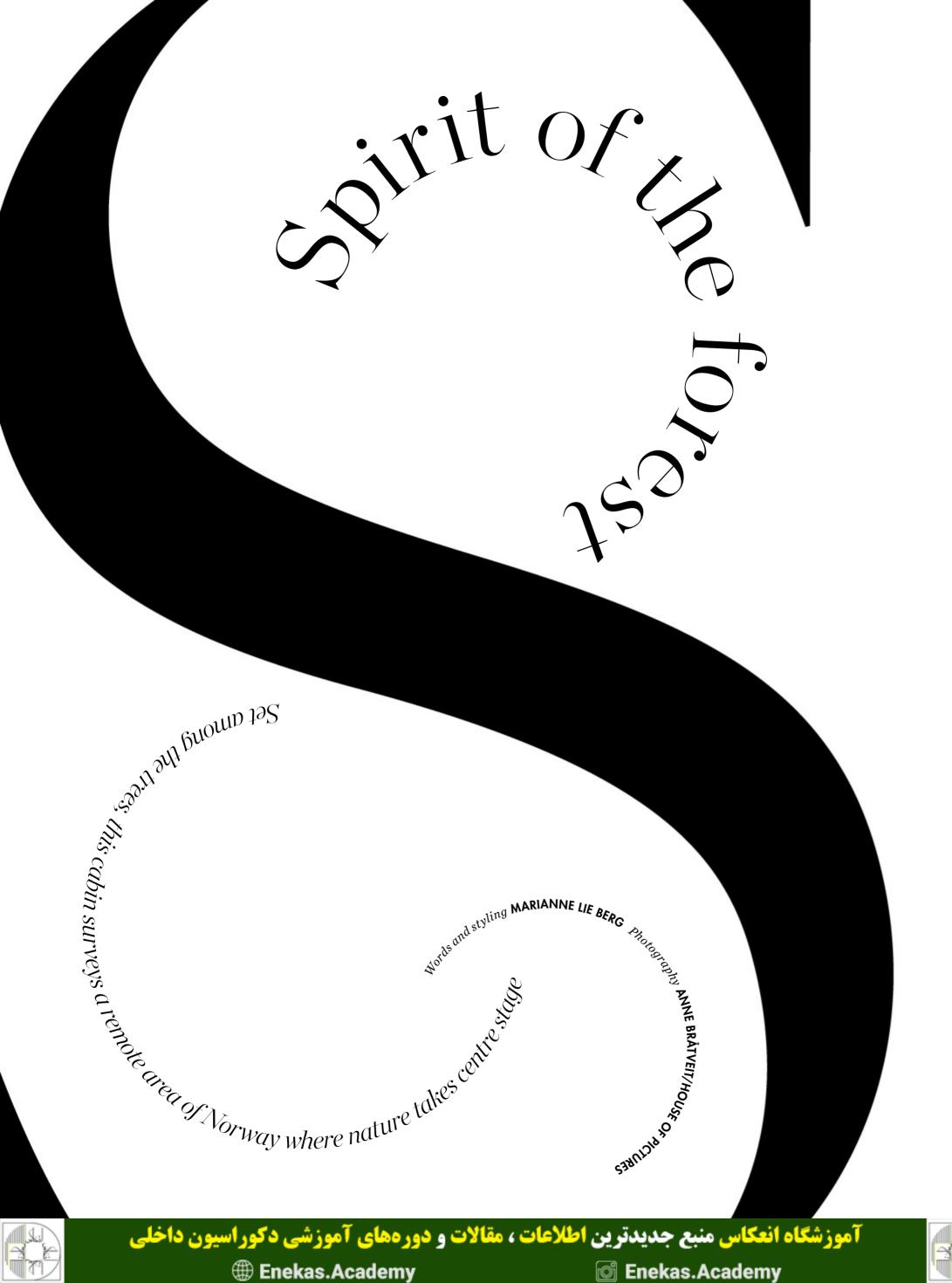










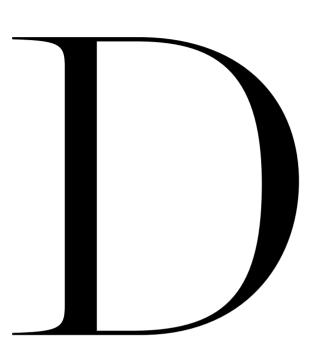












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rive northeast from Oslo, heading towards the region known as Finnskogen and the flat landscape gradually gives way to thick forest. Turning on to a narrow road, the only light is from the moon reflecting off the blanket of snow, until, all of a sudden, glowing triangular structures appear high in the air.

These unique cabins, perched atop slender steel legs, belong to journalist Kristian Rostad and actor Christine Mowinckel who took over Østby farm in Gjesåsen some years ago. Having left behind their hectic lives in Oslo to settle down in this rural part of Norway, they decided to create something special on their new land, enlisting the help of architect Espen Surnevik. 'It was a dream project from the start,' he says. 'Kristian and Christine wanted something out of the ordinary, which would reflect the characteristics of the area. I'm from the west coast where you hardly see a tree; everything is about the sea and rocks. Finnskogen is exactly the opposite.'

Reflecting on how humans both fear and feel protected by the forest, Surnevik took inspiration from Finnish author Tove Jansson's Moomin books, in which the characters live in spire-topped homes in the woods. As it wasn't possible to build the cabins in the trees themselves, Surnevik contacted engineer Finn-Erik Nilsen, who constructed the eight-metrehigh metal frames that raise these compact cabins into the canopy. 'The effect is the same,' says Surnevik. 'You get a playful feeling climbing upwards.'

Incredibly, the 40-square-metre retreats, which are clad internally in white spruce, can sleep up to six people. Both sofas double as beds, while two extra beds flip down from the slanting walls. A black timber box in the middle of the open-plan room is home to both a bathroom and kitchen, with the main bedroom located on a mezzanine above. 'We would have more space if the roof had been flat, but the A-frame creates a pleasing, lofty feel,' explains Surnevik. 'Plus, snow glides right off the pitched roof, which is a practical solution in an area of heavy snowfall.'

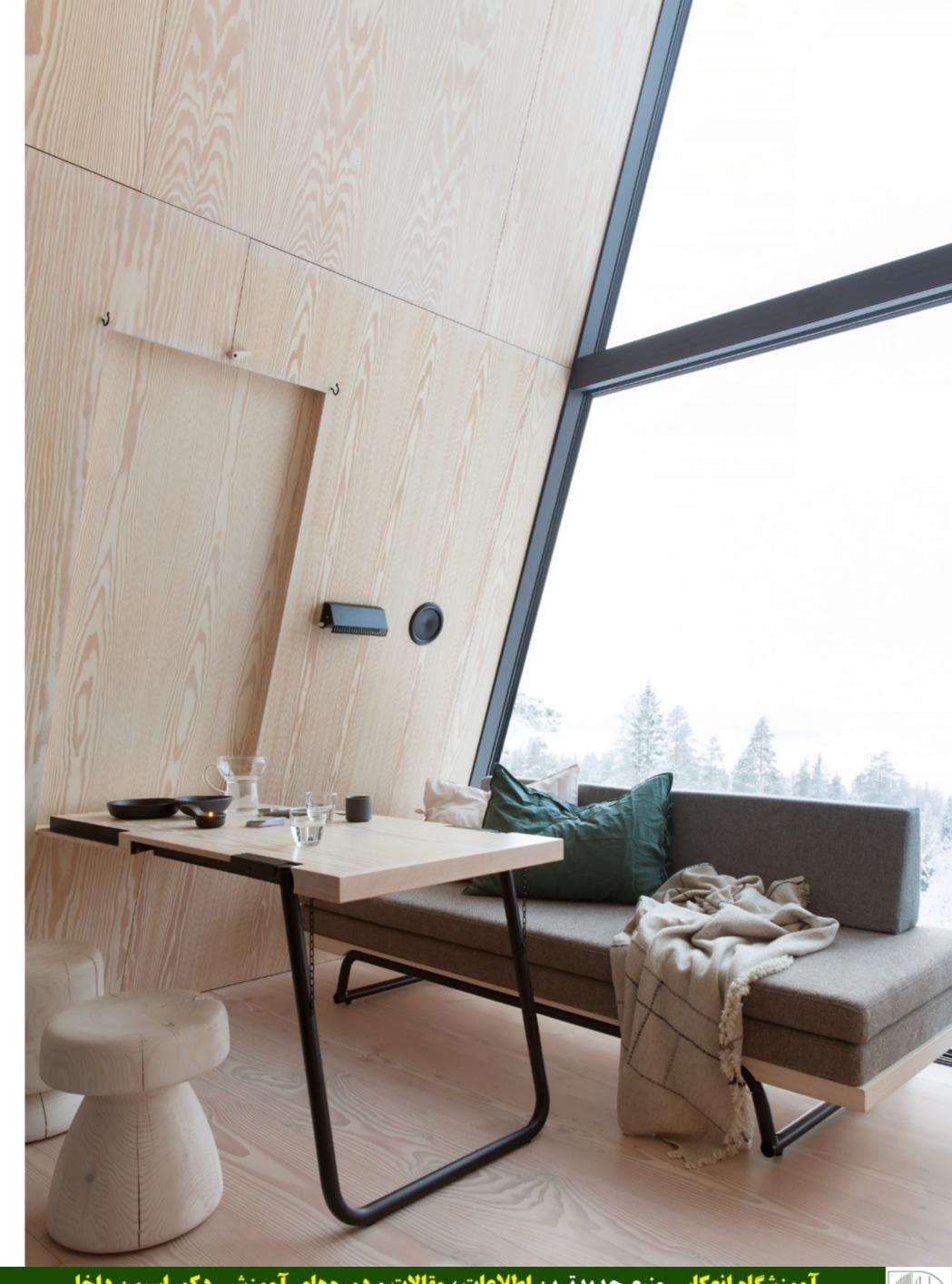
There's a luxurious sense of total disconnection here, with the intentional lack of wi-fi encouraging guests to enjoy each other's company, the wildlife and the spectacular views. High among the treetops, it's as if the world outside the forest ceases to exist. *espensurnevik.no; panhytter.no* Above Owners Kristian Rostad and Christine Mowinckel
Living area The custom-built sofa, crafted using wood from the surrounding forest, features two cushion pads, one of which can be used as an additional mattress, while two further beds fold out of the slanting walls. For a similar black side table, try the 'Key' by GamFratesi for Hem.
The bespoke dining table, formed of white-pigmented spruce and black steel, also folds down from the wall ▶



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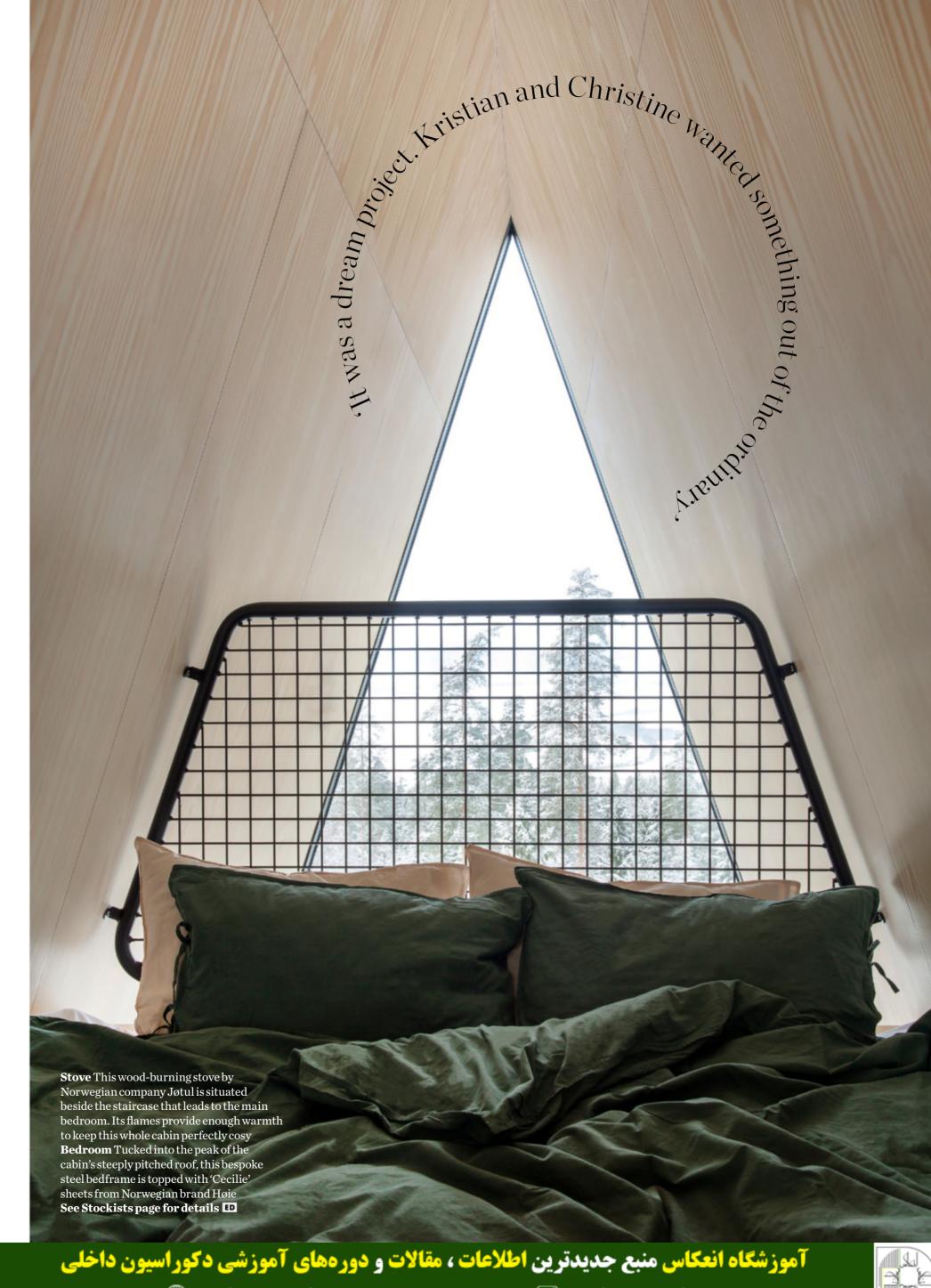










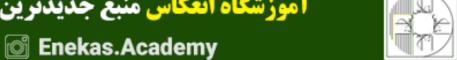












nce busy with the sound of many feet practising the waltz and the foxtrot, this 1880s former dance school in Melbourne now rings with the sound of children playing. 'I love having a full house, so I didn't want anything to feel too precious,' says its owner. 'Initially, the sofa in the living room was going to be velvet, but with kids I had to re-think things. The place had to have personality, but I wanted it to feel very homely – even though the proportions are big.'

That grand scale, epitomised by the 6.6-metre-high ceiling in what was once the main ballroom - now an impressive kitchen/diner - inspired interior designer Claire Larritt-Evans to push the envelope with lashings of colour. I knew it could hold a daring palette,' she explains. Having met her clients socially before working with them, Claire was already familiar with their aesthetic. 'I knew them to be bold in their fashion choices, which was a fantastic springboard to work from to ensure that the home reflected their personal style.'

Colour is deeply important here. Complementing the elaborate original hallway tiling and the stained-glass panels in the dining room are eight paint colours (some bold, some more subdued) and four different varieties of stone. The rare blue Sodalite marble in the kitchen and the veined ice-green marble that accompanies the teal fluted joinery in the bathroom are highlights. They are brave design choices, but, says Claire, 'nothing screams or demands attention'.

Alongside the showstopping splashes of bright hues, there are also pockets of luxurious intimacy to be found. Formerly a boring white space, the main bedroom is now a tranquil retreat transformed with soft grey walls and a sagegreen sofa set against a backdrop of crimson-hued drapes. The family room also embraces a cosy vibe, with steps dropping down to a sunken area outfitted with a plush rug, American oak coffee table and a gallery wall.

This same easy calm extends to the living room at the front of the house. With its wintry chocolate-coloured rug, this may be a more grown-up space, but it's far from formal. 'We use it to read the papers and to watch the football with friends,' say the homeowners. 'It's one room used many different ways.' And, after years of neglect, its original marble hearth has been refurbished and is once again home to fires in the colder months. 'The mix of wood-fire smoke, conversation and laughter gives this space a beautiful energy,' adds Claire. larritt-evans.com

On the site of an old ballroom, this busy family home in Melbourne has a joyful new soundtrack

Words CARLI PHILIPS Photography EVE WILSON

Hallway 19th-century features like the stained-glass windows and glass chandeliers were left untouched. The burgundy 'Preston' sideboard by Jardan complements the tones of the intricate mosaic flooring and the bold



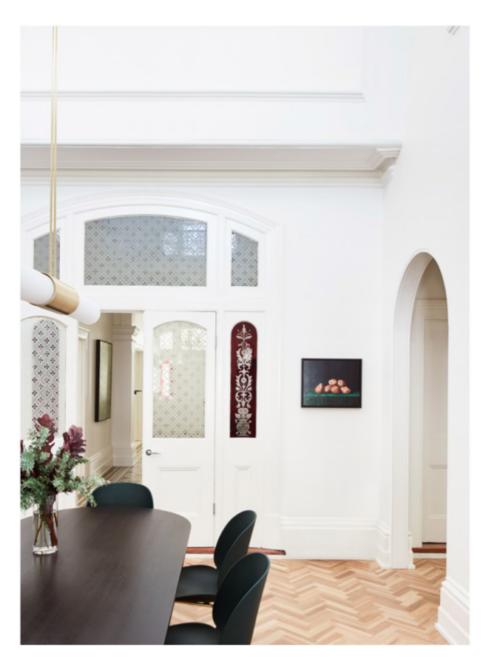




artwork (right) is by Dean Reilly









'I knew this HOME could hold a DARING palette. Nothing SCREAMS or demands ATTENTION'



Dining area A pendant light by Articolo hangs above the 'Moon' dining table by Space Copenhagen and 'Beetle' chairs by GamFratesi, all for Gubi **Kitchen** This space is a rich marriage of materials, from the blue Sodalite countertop and splashback to the concrete island, navy blue bespoke cabinetry and brass details. 'Sketch Root' bar stools from Globe West allow guests to perch beneath the pendant light from Articolo











'The MIX of wood-fire smoke, CONVERSATION and LAUGHTER gives this space a BEAUTIFUL ENERGY'

Bar cart detail Fermob's 'Luxembourg' drinks cart by Frédéric Sofia adds a pop of bright coral in the corner. The artwork is by Dean Reilly Living room Two 'Anita' armchairs by Metrica for SPO1 and a 'Le Bambole' sofa by Mario Bellini for B&B Italia are arranged around a black 'Laurel' table by Nichetto for De La Espada. The shelving units on either side of the original marble fireplace are the 'Techne' by Grazia & Co, while *The Wet Kiss* by Berlin-based photographer Marius Sperlich demands attention ▶





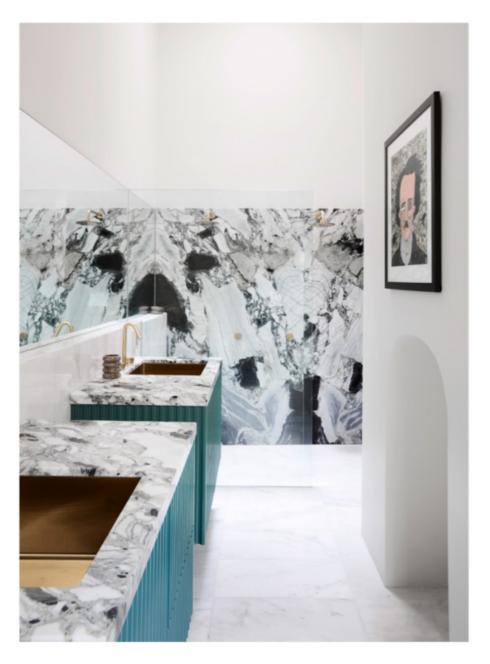














'The place had to have PERSONALITY, but I wanted it to FEEL HOMELY – even though the proportions are BIG'

Family room A 'Memphis' coffee table and 'Andy' sofa upholstered in Kvadrat 'Divina', both by Jardan, are arranged in the sunken living area. Each artwork was measured and mapped out to create the perfect gallery hang

Bathroom Bespoke teal-blue fluted joinery is paired with ice-green marble and deep brass washbasins in this striking en suite. The print on the wall was purchased from a street artist in New York ▶



















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he ancient beams that span the ceiling of this old granary are a constant reminder of its historic roots. Home to Paolo Tormena, CEO of furniture brand Henge, and his partner Isabella Genovese, the firm's architect, the building dates back to the 18th century, when the magnificent hills that surround Pieve di Soligo, a small village in northern Italy, served as a backdrop to some of the finest paintings by the Venetian school. Today, the house continues to be a place of culture, good food and art de vivre.

While the architecture here may speak of years gone by, Paolo and Isabella's sights are set firmly on the future. Founded in 2007, Henge is distinguished by its pursuit of contemporary glamour. Its pieces are big and bold; notable for their use of transformative natural finishes and high-quality craftsmanship. When architect Massimo Castagna, artistic director and designer at Henge, worked with the couple to plan the redevelopment of this 180-squaremetre loft, it was just these ideas that were at the forefront of his mind. The artisan skill used to burnish the bronze that surrounds the front door with liver of sulphur – a centuries-old process – and the organic materials chosen, from diamond-patterned parquet flooring to marble and precious stones local to the area, lend this home a sensuality. When sunlight filters through the windows, the surfaces appear to glow.

Completely open-plan, apart from the bedroom and bathroom which are tucked beyond the divide at the end of the living space, this apartment is dominated by two impressive five-metre-long structures. One of these is the kitchen, composed of two monolithic blocks of stone coated in laser-cut cappuccino marble. 'For us,' says Paolo, 'it has an aesthetic value far beyond the functional. It's like a large, expressive sculpture.' The other is the couple's petrified oak 'K-Table', designed by Massimo for Henge. 'It's a symbol of conviviality,' explains Paolo, speaking of the love of fine dining and great company that he sees as a distinctly Italian trait. 'We sit at it when enjoying quiet lunches and large parties,' he adds. 'Our house is a sort of modern banqueting hall!' *hengeO7.com*







THE ANCIENT BEAMS THAT SPAN THE CEILING OF THIS OLD GRANARY ARE A CONSTANT REMINDER OF ITS HISTORIC ROOTS



Living area Upholstered in leather, the 'Human' sofa by Massimo Castagna for Henge defines a cosy area in this open-plan home. Two 'Strip' chairs are placed by the 'Shift' table with a stone top − all by Massimo Castagna for the brand. The designer also created the distinctive 'Light Ring' pendant that hangs above. The palm-shaped sculpture is by Inderjeet Sandhu − similar examples of the artist's work are available from Visionnaire − and the 'Fortress Castle' vase is by Bohinc Studio ▶

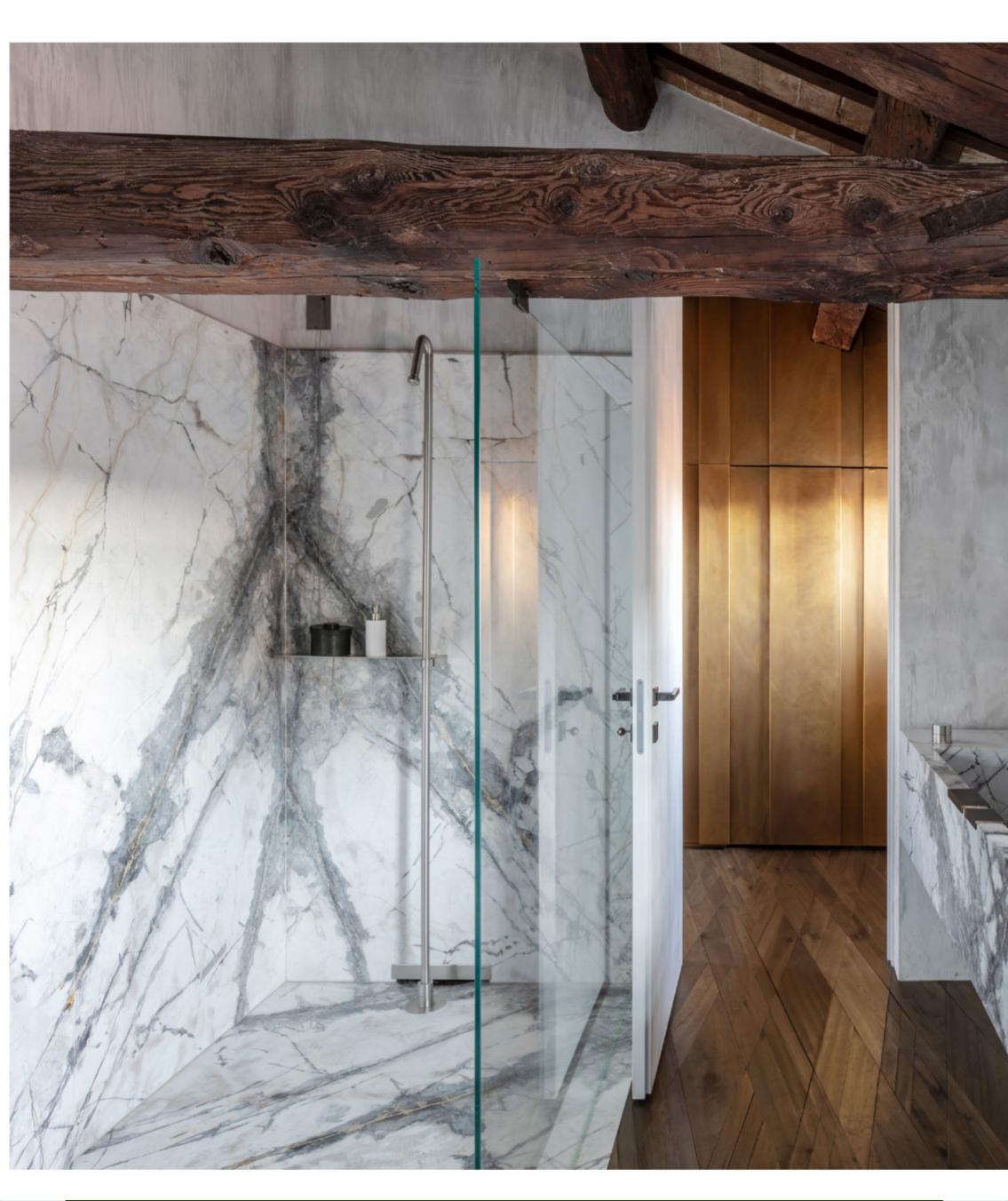


















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Bathroom Bespoke twin washbasins cut from grey marble match the stone that coats the walls and shower enclosure in this space. The taps and shower are from Boffi





WHEN SUNLIGHT FILTERS THROUGH THE WINDOWS, THE SURFACES APPEAR TO GLOW



Bedroom A pair of 'Mushroom' side tables by Yabu Pushelberg for Henge are placed either side of this bed from Noctis. The 'Pipe Light-L' floor lamp by Massimo Castagna for Henge leans over a circular vase by Sara Ricciardi – find examples of her work on Artemest

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The new festivals, galleries and

goings-on you won't want to miss in 2020

<u>Kimono:</u> <u>Kyoto to Catwalk</u> <u>V&A Museum</u> London, U<u>K</u>

The V&A's forthcoming fashion homage aims to reframe the iconic Japanese garment much misunderstood as costume, trope or rigidly traditional dress.

Highlights include rare 17th- and 18th-century designs, which share the spotlight with bold reinventions by Alexander McQueen and Rei Kawakubo. From 29 February–21 June 2020 (vam.ac.uk).







Bourse de Commerce - Pinault Collection Paris, France

Between the Pompidou Centre, the Louvre and Louis Vuitton Foundation, it's fair to say that Paris isn't short on superlative arts centres. And yet, a new project from the French billionaire founder of luxury group Kering and art aficionado François Pinault has proved an irresistible prospect. His collection will be housed in a Tadao Ando-led conversion of the city's frescoed former stock exchange (above) in June (boursedecommerce.fr).

<u>Steve McQueen at</u> <u>Tate Modern</u> London, UK

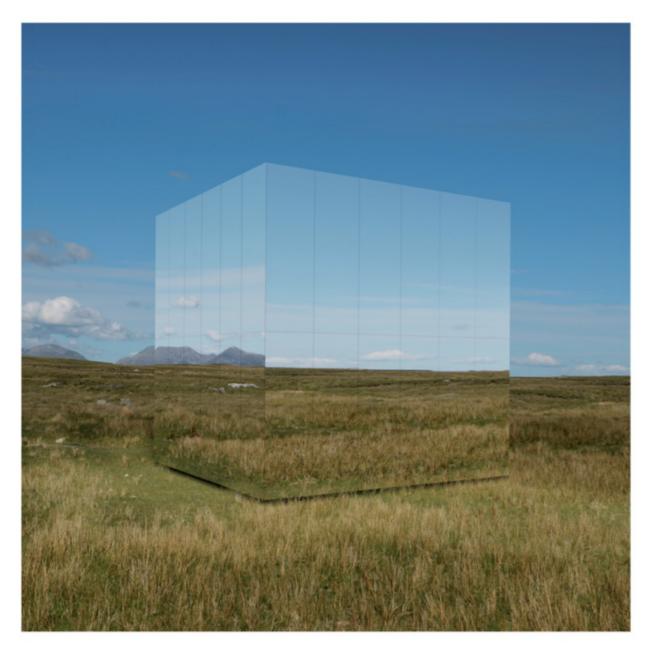
A major showcase of works by artist and filmmaker Steve McQueen – whose credits include 12 Years a Slave and Widows – will be the first in the UK for 20 years. Focusing on his video and film installations, it promises to be poignant and provocative in equal measure and overlaps with his 'Year 3' portrait of 76,000 London schoolchildren at Tate Britain. From 13 February–11 May 2020 (tate.org.uk).

Museum of the Home London, UK

A lively programme of events in the venue's gardens has helped sustain London's Museum of the Home – formerly known as the Geffrye – through a two-year, £18 million renovation. Set to reopen in the summer, additions include an airy gallery space running the length of the main almshouse, plus a library, café and new entrance via Hoxton station (museumofthehome.org.uk).







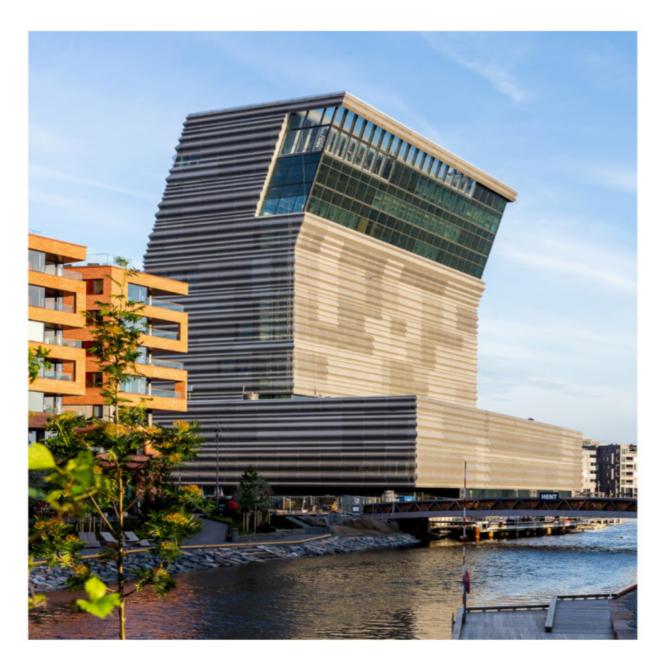
Galway Capital of Culture, Ireland

This vibrant, rugged county on Ireland's west coast is the latest destination to get the European Capital of Culture stamp of approval. Kicking off in the first week of February with a fiery opening ceremony, a year-long programme of celebrations will be divided into four 'seasons' and encompass projects and performances with a distinctly Gaelic flavour. A four-day circus festival and 'Fire Garden' by famed French street art collective Cie Carabosse are set to be highlights, while large-scale installations include Irish artist John Gerrard's Mirror Pavilion (left) and a new project from American sculptor David Best, who is perhaps most widely known for his towering-buttransient Burning Man temples in the Nevada desert. Finnish light artist Kari Kola will illuminate the nearby Connemara Mountains to mark St Patrick's Day in March (galway2020.ie).

THE COUNTY PLAYS HOST TO A CIRCUS FESTIVAL, LIGHT SHOWS AND LARGESCALE INSTALLATIONS

National Museum and Munch Museum Oslo, Norway

Two of the Norwegian capital's most high-profile projects come to fruition, against a backdrop of rapid cultural regeneration. A deceptively sleek and low-slung addition to Oslo's skyline, the new National Museum by architects Kleihues + Schuwerk Gesellschaft von Architekten is set to be the Nordic region's largest arts centre when it opens in autumn (nasjonalmuseet. no). Elsewhere, ripples of translucent aluminium clad the new Munch Museum (right) by Spanish architecture firm Estudio Herreros. Home to more than half of painter Edvard Munch's works, the venue reopens in May following its much-debated move to the city's 💆 Bjørvika waterfront (munchmuseet.no).









London Mural Festival, UK

Consider the capital's lively street-art scene and the inaugural London Mural Festival feels almost overdue. Two weeks of workshops, film screenings, talks and tours will culminate in a weekend of celebration, while the capital provides the canvas for at least 20 fresh murals from spray-paint pioneers Ben Eine, Camille Walala, Mr Doodle and more. From 1–13 September 2020 (londonmuralfestival.com).

<u>Manchester</u> <u>Open Exhibition</u> UK

The judging panel behind the first Manchester Open will need to whittle down more than 2,000 entries from the paintbrush-brandishing public, which will form a free-to-visit exhibition at arts hub Home Manchester. From 18 January–15 March 2020 (homemcr.org).

<u>The Poem Pavilion</u> <u>Dubai, United Arab</u> <u>Emirates</u>

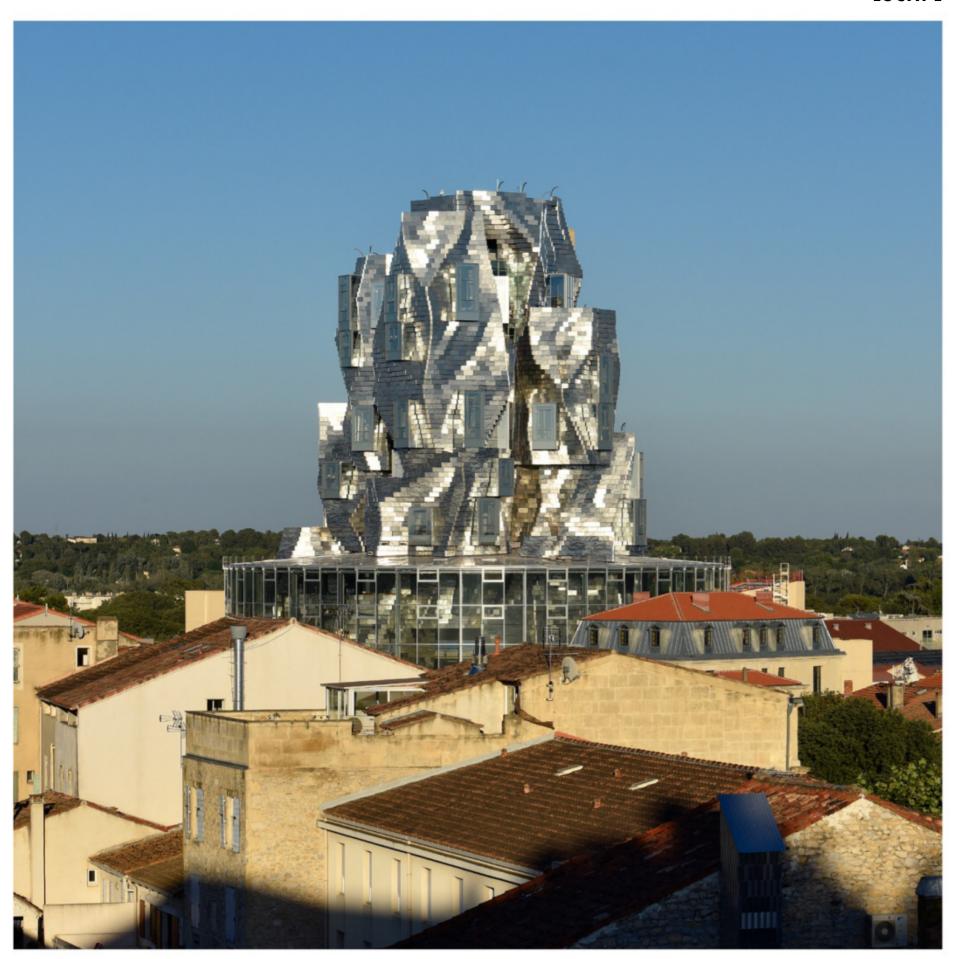
British experiential designer Es Devlin is the first woman to win the UK's much-coveted World Expo commission with her interactive Poem Pavilion concept. Inspired by Stephen Hawking's project 'Breakthrough Message', which imagined how humanity might choose to communicate itself to extraterrestrial life, the 20-metre megaphone-like structure (right) will project AIgenerated poetry woven from visitors' words. Renowned Manchester-based structural engineering firm Atelier One and environmental design consultant Atelier Ten will join forces to deliver the ambitious build. From 20 October 2020–10 April 2021 (expo2020dubai.com).

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<u>Arts Resource Centre at</u> <u>Luma Arles, France</u>

Renowned American architect Frank Gehry's new twisting, mirrored tower (above) makes a compelling centrepiece for Arles's arts complex Luma, which was launched by Swiss art collector Maja Hoffmann to head-up her non-profit Luma Foundation. The new Arts Resource Centre, said to be a shining tribute to the region's mountain range, will open in stages from spring (luma-arles.org).

<u>The House of Fine Art</u> <u>London, UK</u>

January will see contemporary gallerist HOFA open a new 4,000-square-foot flagship space in Mayfair's Bruton Street, to join its existing galleries in London, Los Angeles and Mykonos. It's a big moment for the burgeoning art house, which was founded in 2014 and counts Marco Grassi, Zhuang Hong Yi and Loribelle Spirovski among its diverse roll call of established and emerging artists (thehouseoffineart.com).

<u>Helsinki Biennial</u> Finland

Cultural hotspot
Helsinki has always
championed local
talent. A new free arts
festival will see the
Finnish capital's wild, secluded Vallisaari
island – a 20-minute trip by water bus
from Helsinki's centre – welcome works
by 35 artists, while inaugural theme 'The
Same Sea' is an invitation to consider
our global interdependence in the face
of the climate crisis. From 12 June–27
September 2020 (helsinkibiennaali.fi).







Its portfolio now includes hotels, restaurants (such as Balagan, below) and wine bars, plus an Ibiza beach club, but the catalyst was cocktails. Following school, the friends studied in Montreal and often took trips to New York. 'It was the beginning of the new speakeasy trend and cocktail bars such as Milk & Honey and Little Branch were opening; it was like an epiphany. The drinks were incredible in terms of quality, craft and fresh ingredients. Returning to Paris, we realised things hadn't moved on. People were still drinking lukewarm rum and coke. We were disappointed,' says Cros.

With inspiration ignited, the process of seeking a venue in Paris began in earnest, while the trio embarked

on learning mixology. 'It took over a year and by the time we opened, news had spread by word of mouth.' They settled on a bijoux space on the fringes of the Marais, and when the first Experimental Cocktail Club (or ECC) opened in 2007, it quickly became a beacon of Paris's new cocktail scene. 'We loved doing it; we were behind the bar, we were waiters, cleaners; we did everything ourselves. We opened more bars, then wine bars, restaurants and hotels, which was always the goal.'

Grand Pigalle Hotel opened in the up-and-coming NoPi (north of Pigalle) district of Paris in 2015, followed by Henrietta Hotel in London and Hotel des Grands Boulevards, in another cool enclave of Paris. The last 12 months has seen a major gear change, with the group opening three hotels in quick succession: Experimental Chalet in Verbier in 2018 and Il Palazzo

Experimental in Venice and Menorca Experimental in 2019. The team has a knack of picking buzzing neighbourhoods for locations, determined by its owners' gut feelings. Cros says: 'There has to be a strong bond with the destination, somewhere we have an affection for and that has character.'

Although it would have been tempting to apply a cookie-cutter approach to roll out its expanding empire, Cros says it's precisely the lack of formula that sets them apart: 'We don't like to be seen as a chain. People need to see that each place is unique – we start





Balagan restaurant at

Renaissance Paris

Vendôme Hotel

from a blank page, every time. Designer Dorothée Meilichzon has created the interiors for each of the group's hotels, but we never say, "OK, create us a package". We like to extract the maximum soul and personality from the building and destination.'

Take the group's latest venue, Il Palazzo Experimental in Venice, where the design heavily references the city's motifs and

architectural details, while staying true to a contemporary aesthetic. Housed in a Renaissanceera palazzo, which lay empty for years, many of the original features, such as the doors of the guestrooms, have been preserved and updated with gondolier-like maritime stripes. Terrazzo floors in the lobby are a nod to beloved local-born architect Carlo Scarpa, while sumptuous fabrics from Venetian-born brand Rubelli cover custom furniture in the rooms and cocktail bar (the latter conceived by Italian designer Cristina Celestino). It's a similar story at Menorca Experimental, which blends vernacular architecture and cool, contemporary design in a historic finca. The bespoke approach has paid off; part of the appeal for the group's design-savvy, bon-vivant devotees is the local-flavour of each venue. 'We always design our hotels to connect with the locals first to gain credibility and embed in the community. Hotel guests want to go where the locals are going,' says Cros.



The sociable natures of the four owners (director Xavier Padovani joined the group later) have been the foundation for the brand's culture, seeping into their passionate, fun-loving staff and the welcoming nature of their spaces. 'Working with friends is a great strength and it's fun,' agrees Cros. What's next? 'More hotels – I feel like we have momentum, we love what we do and we're excited to tell more stories'. *experimental group.com*







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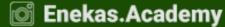














For the ultimate party season digestif, head to these London restaurants with hidden delights



Head through a disguised door at Waterloo's Hello Darling – the debut restaurant from Darling & Edge – and you'll find a house-party inspired drinking den that holds 60 people (above). Flanked by floor-to-ceiling frescoes and layered with plush, fringed fabrics, the six rooms (replete with four-poster bed and bathtub) are infused with the theatricality you'd expect from the designer duo, known for dressing some of London's most experiential supper clubs as well as their lush wallpapers. They'll even let partygoers plug in their own playlists (hellodarling.london).

Boutique hotel chain Mama Shelter has brought its fun-loving formula to the UK with a Hackney outpost (above). Rooms and common areas echo the same eclectic, madcap style as its sister hotels, but this branch has a secret lurking beneath the buzzing lounge bar and restaurant: two state-of-the-art karaoke booths. Each room has pop art-inspired carpets, stripy walls and sofas strewn with colourful cushions (mamashelter.com).

FACE THE MUSIC THE STANDARD

Few hotel openings inspired quite the fervour of the first British venue from The Standard group this summer and its recreational offering is just as key to the brand's DNA as the stylish rooms. Housed in the hotel's Library Lounge (below), the Sounds Studio booth plays host to live music, DJ sets and podcast recordings on selected nights – the perfect post-dinner perk after an evening at restaurant Isla next door (standardhotels.com).



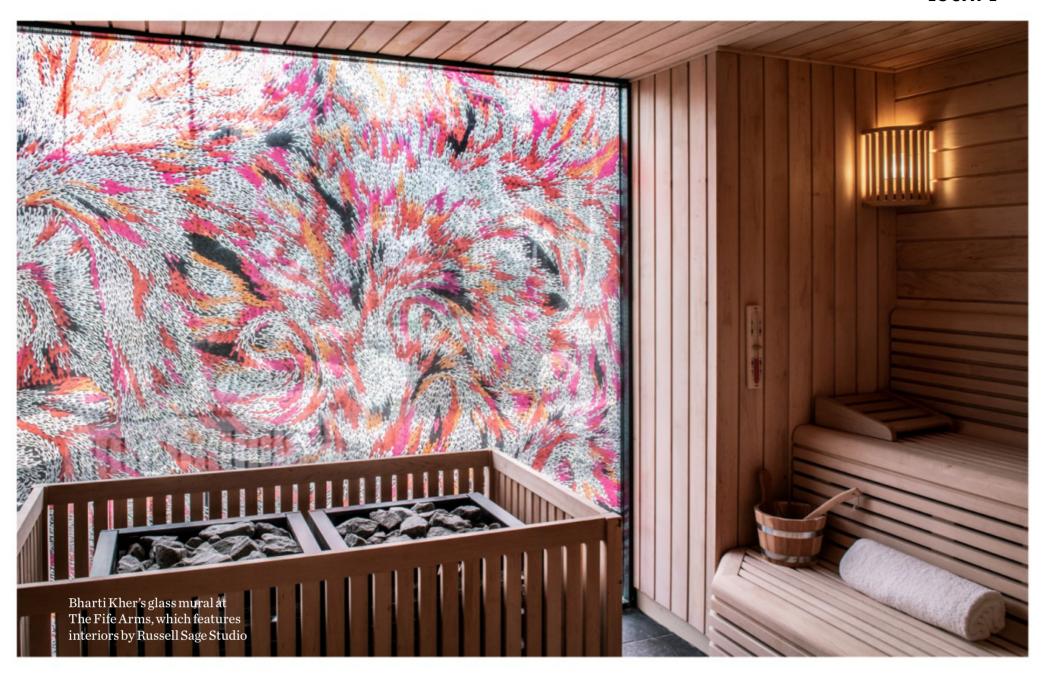












THE *MAXIMALIST* SPA

Pioneering designs are changing the face of the wellness industry, injecting a dose of colour, print and personality

While the hotels they often inhabit showcase ever more exuberant designs, spas could be accused of playing it safe, with a tried-and-tested formula that's the visual equivalent of the nature sounds unfailingly piped in. But with a series of pioneering openings flaunting colour, print and a fresh outlook, this could be set to change.

New concept Linnaean (left) in London's Battersea is promising to shake up the often siloed approach to wellness spaces, offering a salon, store and restaurant alongside hi-tech treatments. In the

hands of designer Martin Brudnizki, renowned for his eclectic yet expertly layered aesthetic, it was never going to be a subdued affair. 'I've always been a colour and pattern advocate, even when designing a calming treatment room,' he explains, before nodding to a necessary sense of balance. 'At Linnaean, the rooms are lined with beautiful, patterned Christopher Farr Cloth wallpaper, the pale pinks and greens muted and soft so the overall ambience is cocoon-like and intimate'. It's that sense of equilibrium that captures the concept's philosophy: 'We help our guests to keep up with modern life, while maintaining balance,' says founder Elena Tayleur. 'It's a nourishing and stimulating blend.' Creating the invigorating space was rooted in context for the designer: botanist and namesake Carl Linnaeus was a fellow Swede, and Brudnizki credits the mix of colour and pattern with florals and greenery

- not to mention the Josef Frank fabric-covered lampshades – as 'very Swedish'. 'It embodies the pioneering spirit of Linnaeus. We're breathing new life into the luxury salon scene' (linnaean.co.uk).

For Barcelona-based Lázaro Rosa-Violán, designing the first outpost of hotel chain Bless in Madrid (below) presented a typical urban spa predicament – and posed an opportunity to break the mould. 'The spa is located in the basement without any natural light, so we wanted to create a landscape view to bring life inside.'

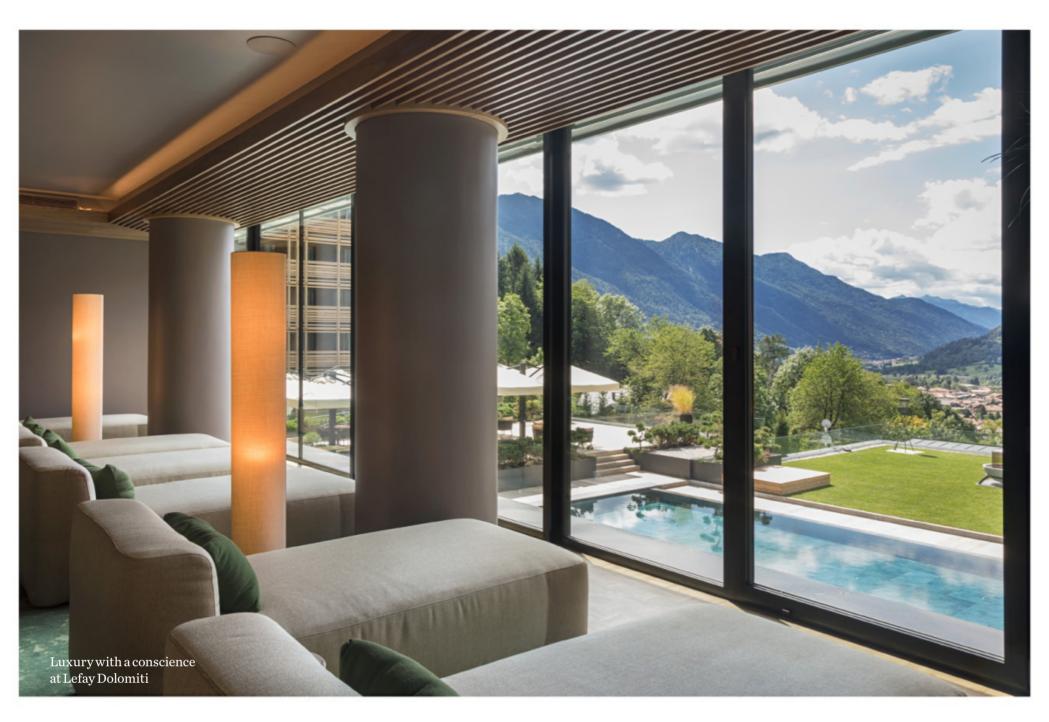
The solution? Hundreds of hand-painted tiles inspired by the pastoral tableaux of 18th-century Spanish tapestries, which wrap the circular spa vestibule from floor to ceiling and frame entrances to the hammam, sauna and massage room (blesscollectionhotels.com).

There's more bold artisanal appeal at the new Albamhor Spa at The Fife Arms (above), the gloriously irreverent Highlands hotel reopened last year by art world aficionados Iwan and Manuela Wirth of Hauser & Wirth. Among the estate's inimitable collection of contemporary art are vibrant glass murals by Indian artist Bharti Kher, commissioned for the sauna and relaxation area. In a converging approach to art in context, Kher's pieces are printed with Indian bindi motifs in hues inspired by an algae-covered pool of water in a South Indian temple, as well the shades found on the Scottish moors (thefifearms.com).









THE CONSCIOUS SPA

As sustainability takes high priority, spas are combining eco initiatives with a community-spirited design approach

For some of autumn's most exciting openings, considering our place on the planet forms an integral part of the wellness picture. These spas tread more lightly, promoting trail-blazing sustainability credentials, a sense of respect for their often remote locales and a commitment to serving their communities.

The opening of Lefay's inaugural Lake Garda resort in 2008 was a revelation – here was a new breed of spa that offered the ultimate in five-star luxury while utilising renewable energy and offsetting its CO2 emissions. It's these principles that have guided their muchanticipated second property, Lefay Dolomiti (above), which boasts a vast 5,000-square-metre spa stocked with Lefay's range of sustainable, cruelty-free products developed in 2017. For designer Alberto Apostoli, there was the matter of 'emotional sustainability',

too. 'The term sustainability has a broader meaning; it's not limited to green energy and ecological materials but also design at the service of psychological wellbeing.' To capture this, geographical context was key. 'We started with an in-depth study of the Dolomites,' he explains. 'We mainly used wood – chestnut and oak above all – and local stone tonalite' (dolomiti.lefayresorts.com).

Equally in sync with its bountiful natural surroundings is eco concept Arctic Elements Lakeside Spa, set in Finland's far north. Situated on the shore of Lake Jeris – a location said to have the cleanest air of any inhabited area in the world – its five saunas are powered by wind, water and solar energy, while water is funnelled from a nearby spring. It's the first of its kind for the spa-crazed country, which considers the sauna as an essential space for meditation and both mental and physical health. Here, immersion in nature forms an intrinsic part of the wellbeing experience; the pièce de résistance is a glass-panelled, panoramic fifth sauna, which is dedicated to watching the aurora borealis (theaurorazone.com).

The sauna might not enjoy the same status in Margate, but a new shoreside 'bathing machine' (below), commissioned by local natural skincare brand Haeckles, is an enticing prospect. It's a story about community; conceived via a crowd-funding campaign in 2014 and

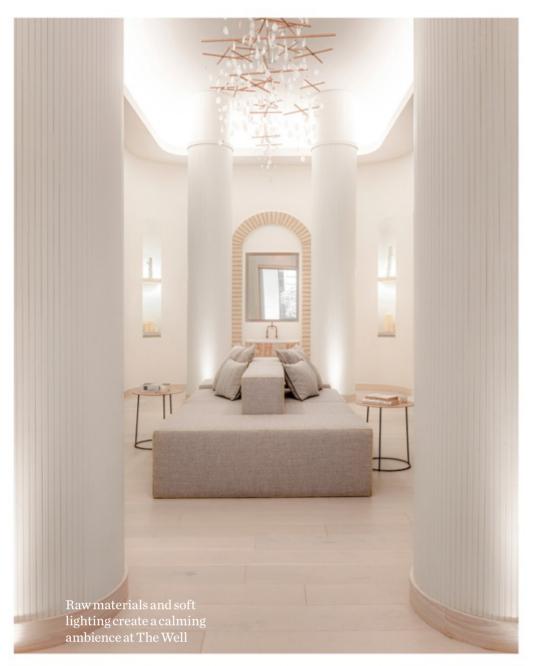
designed by architecture firm Re-Works Studio, the sauna is funded by locals who are asked to contribute what they can. 'It was always intended as a gift for the town,' explains Haeckles' founder Dom Bridges of the Victorian-inspired structure, which he hopes will reacquaint Margate's residents with its health-giving, seaweed-rich waters (haeckels.co.uk).

It's a reminder that wellbeing and environment are inextricably linked, and that low impact architecture is only one factor – what makes a space restorative is far harder to define.











THE MEMBERS' SPA

With sleek gardens and personal health coaches, the new breed of health club is a serious investment in wellbeing

What's more of-the-moment than a subscription to wellness? As the membership model permeates every area of modern life, spa operators are following suit and they're driven by the allure of an exclusive experience – and elevated by seriously stylish interiors.

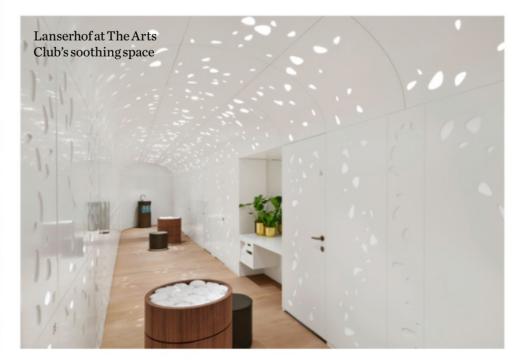
They don't come more hotly-anticipated than The Well (left), a members-only blend of private gym, organic restaurant, health consultation and full-service spa – replete with meditation dome – newly opened in New York City. US-based designer Liubasha Rose, whose studio Rose Ink Workshop conceived the interiors, says: 'It was designed to build a community around a shared goal; to function as an ecosystem in which the practices supplement each other.' This sense of harmony and kinship has been imbued across the cavernous 18,000-square-foot complex, with curved forms, textured walls, and soft, diffused light via pendants by Apparatus. Membership includes monthly health coaching, dinners and workshops (around £292 per month, with an under-32 rate available; the-well.com).

The Well's opening coincided with a similar story closer to home: the revamped spa at St Albans' Sopwell House, said to be the UK's

THE MEMBERSHIP MODEL IS PERMEATING EVERY AREA OF MODERN LIFE AND NOW A ROSTER OF SPAS IS FOLLOWING SUIT

first to operate on a membership model. While the home counties aren't short on spas, this shake-up is state of the art, with three storeys of saunas, relaxation rooms and hydrotherapy pools by London's Sparcstudio, as well as a garden (left) by award-winning designer Ann-Marie Powell. Organised by a two-tiered system, only guests subscribing to The Club at Cottonmill are given access-all-areas wristbands (from £130 per month; sopwellhouse.co.uk).

For Mayfair's 150-year-old The Arts Club, the marriage of membership and wellness makes total sense. In partnership with Swiss wellness pioneers Lanserhof, it tasked Ingenhoven Architects with transforming a property opposite into a health club. 'We're seeing people become increasingly aware of their physical and mental wellbeing,' says managing director John Attard. 'It's being recognised as our most precious asset' (from £6,500 per year; theartsclub.co.uk).





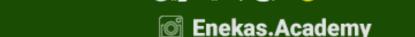


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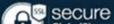
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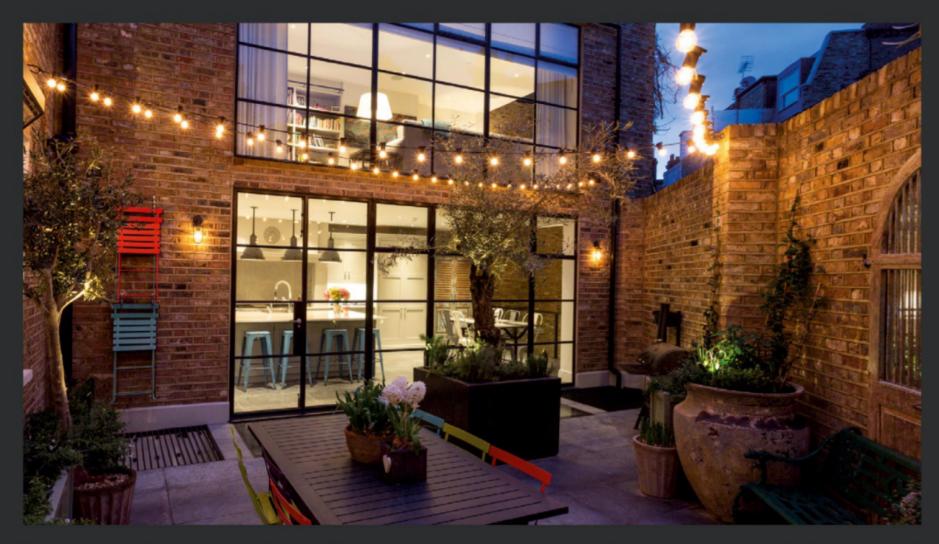






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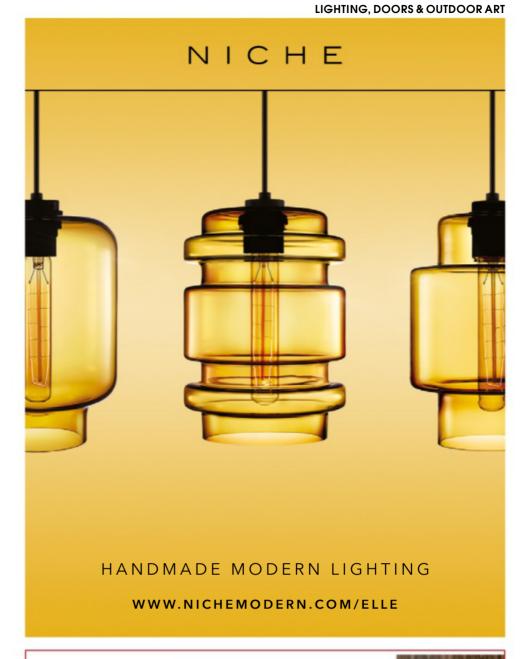
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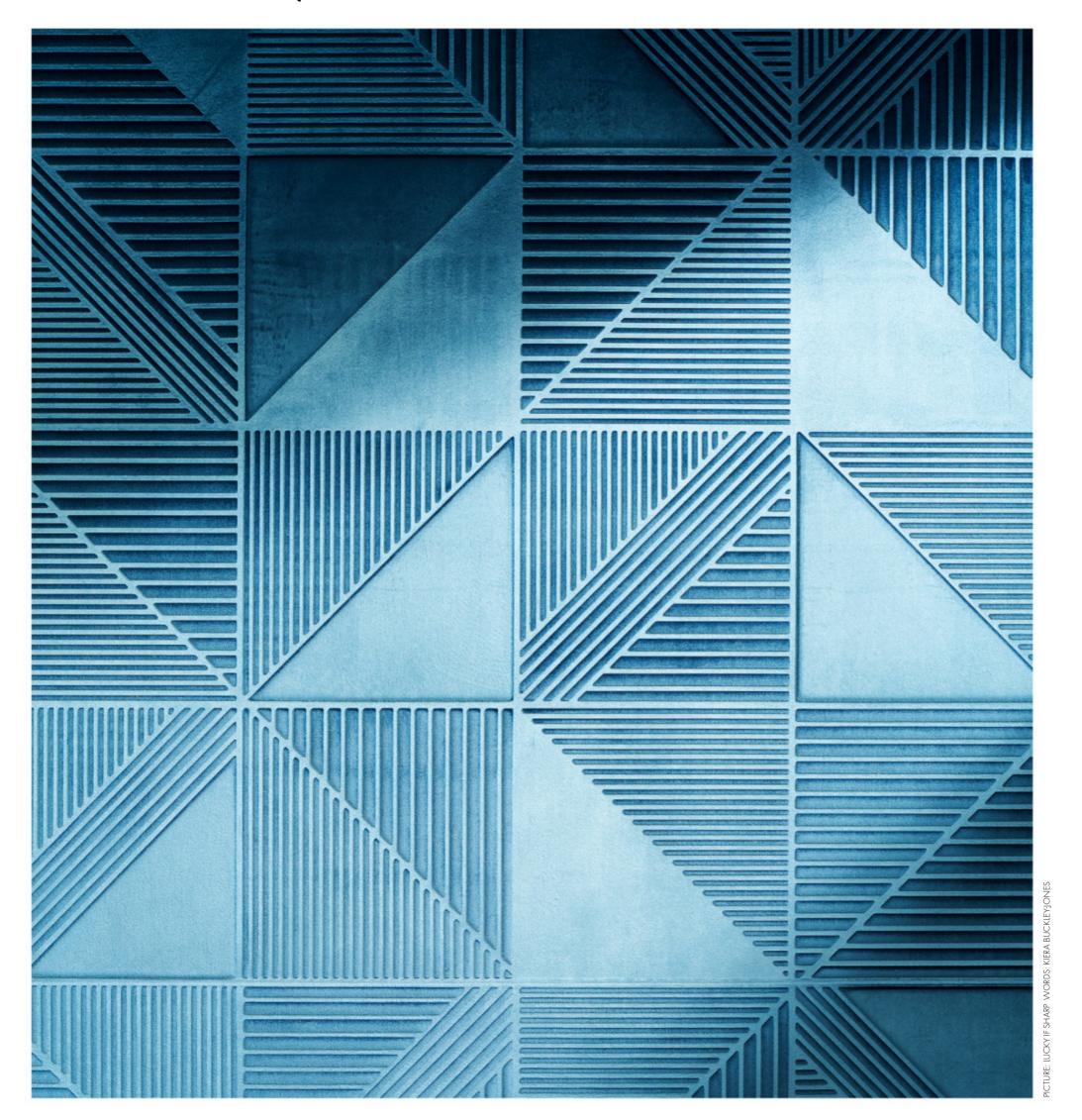
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