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# Four pages of the hottest design trends

## Metallic Golds and silvers give homes a twinkling sophistication

Luxury is back. Not since the 1980s have homes and interiors been as well dressed as they are today. After years of minimalism, followed by an eclectic decorative phase, we are now rediscovering our taste for comfort and extravagance.

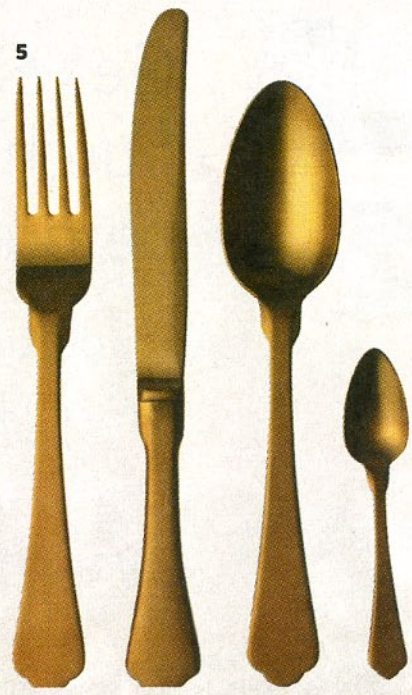
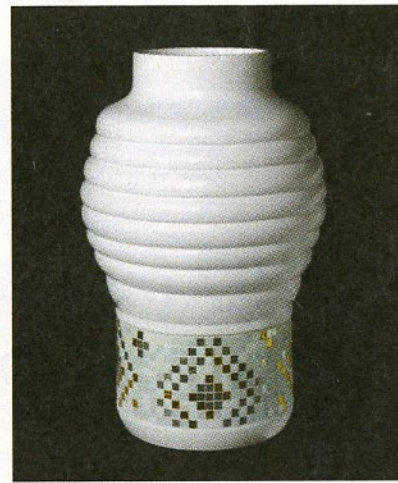
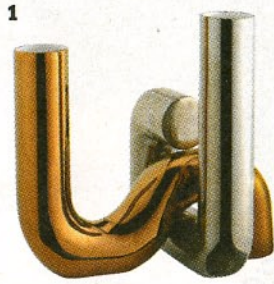
It is a trend that is set to grow. While other retailers are finding it tough, luxury brands are going from strength to strength. According to a report out this month by the retail-research specialist Verdict, global expenditure on luxury products will more than double over the next five years to create a market worth £225bn.

Customisation and exclusivity are two big elements of 21st-century luxury. Fashion-conscious home owners are hunting out objects by young designers or paying big money for limited-edition collectables by brands such as Established & Sons and Bisazza.

And you don't have to have a mega budget. Metallic finishes are big in homewares again this season. Silver, gold, bronze and copper are shimmering across everything from cushions and furniture to wallpaper and lighting. Even architectural features such as tiles and floorboards are being infused with precious metals.

One of the biggest differences between luxury today and in the past is that as we all become more conscious of our impact on the planet, luxury is being expressed in more subtle ways.

In this vein, metallic pieces are great for adding glitz and sophistication to a simple scheme but are generally better used as an accent. To avoid the gangsta-bling look, add a few subtle touches and balance any shimmer with low-key neutrals and natural materials such as wood. **Trish Lorenz**



- 1. Pidou vase £95**  
A limited-edition reissue of a 1979 vase by Alvino Bagni (Habitat, 08444 991 111, [www.habitat.net](http://www.habitat.net))
- 2. Star lamp by Julien Macdonald £300**  
With a 22-carat gold-plated base and moody black shade, this hits just the right balance between decadence and luxury (Debenhams, 08445 616 161, [www.debenhams.co.uk](http://www.debenhams.co.uk))
- 3. Leaf metallic wallpaper in silver grey £99 per roll**  
Silver is a soft, sophisticated metallic and this wallpaper will look great in a bedroom or living-room (Jocelyn Warner, 020 7375 3754, [www.jocelynwarner.com](http://www.jocelynwarner.com))
- 4. Medium Openmichelin vase Around £1,600**  
This vase by Spanish designer Jaime Hayon carries his trademark curves along with Bisazza's 24-carat gold-leaf mosaic tiles (Bisazza, 020 7584 8837, [www.bisazza.com](http://www.bisazza.com))
- 5. Astier cutlery From £10.95 a piece**  
A sophisticated cutlery set available in gold, black or silver (Liberty, 020 7734 1234, [www.liberty.co.uk](http://www.liberty.co.uk))
- 6. Moooi Boutique sofa with Jester cover From £2,781**  
This Marcel Wanders sofa is in the softest gold fabric (Greenwich Village, 020 7318 1359, [www.gvuk.co.uk](http://www.gvuk.co.uk))
- 7. Clarissa Hulse cushion from £40**  
Metallic furnishings add dazzle to bedrooms (House of Fraser, 020 7963 2000, [www.houseoffraser.co.uk](http://www.houseoffraser.co.uk))
- 8. Pumpkin table £825**  
A coffee-table-cum magazine rack, with elegant spindly brass curves (De La Espada, 020 7581 4474, [www.autoban-delaespada.com](http://www.autoban-delaespada.com))
- 9. InOre Nickel Floor Price on request**  
Available in bronze, brass, copper, nickel silver and white gold (Seamless Industries, 08451 703 704, [www.seamless.co.uk](http://www.seamless.co.uk))
- 10. Beat vessels From £500**  
Large, unpolished-brass floor vases (the smallest is 75cm high), hand-crafted by Indian craftsmen (Tom Dixon, 020 7400 0500, [www.tomdixon.net](http://www.tomdixon.net))