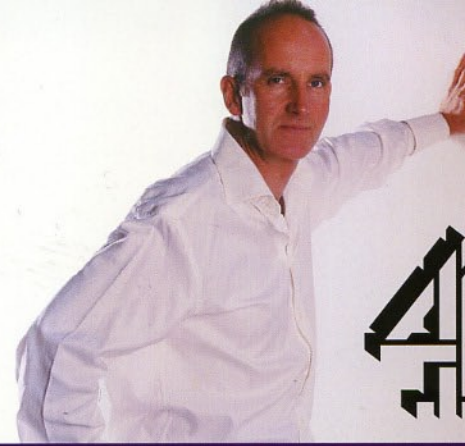


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6 Fab florals

Treat your home to some oversized flowers this autumn with wallpaper from Jocelyn Warner's new Garden collection, hot from its launch at 100% Design in September. The range features larger-than-life botanicals in lustrous shades of blue, gold and silver, and is made from non-woven paper so that it can be hung from a dry roll, saving you time and mess. Prices from £69-£79 per 10m roll, depending on colour (020 7375 3754; jocelynwarner.com).

5 Choosing the Chintz

An Englishman's home might be his castle, but now it seems that the cushions and coverings are his ramparts. The Geffrye Museum in London has raided diaries, trade catalogues and other archival material to look at the role men play in decorating their homes, with surprising results. Its new exhibition, *Choosing the Chintz*, throws light on the tussle over tableware and explores the changes in the marketing of furnishings, from 1850 to the present day. Food for thought on your next trip to Ikea. 14 October-22 February 2009, admission free (020 7739 9893; geffrye-museum.org.uk).



7 Easy as ABC

Shake up your sofa arrangement with Piero Lissoni's new Alphabet range for Danish manufacturer Fritz Hansen. Inspired by Lego blocks, the range is designed so that you can configure the sofa, backrest, armrest and cushions in a variety

of combinations and angles to suit your needs. You'll never be bored - or uncomfortable - again. Individual sofa modules start from £1,262, rising to £6,740 for a set including four sofa modules, right up to £16,405 (020 7557 7557; aram.co.uk).



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Date for the diary: Impress the ones who count with one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts from Lustre, a craft market featuring ceramics, textiles, jewellery and more from selected UK designers. 8-9 November, Lakeside, University of Nottingham (0115 846 7777; lakesidearts.org.uk).

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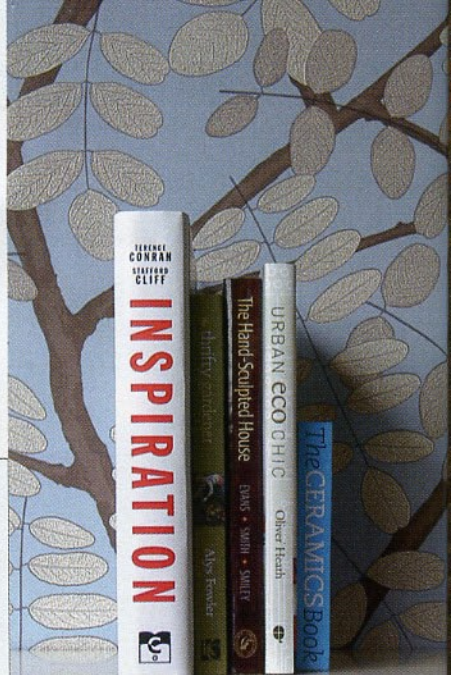
Future classic

Ercol and Matthew Hilton, powerhouses of British craftsmanship, have joined forces to create something that's surprisingly quirky: the Napoli occasional table. Behold its bird-like feet and give your doilies something to smile about. The hand-crafted oak table is available for £345. See Ercol for stockists (01844 271 800; ercol.com).

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Bright ideas

A new coat, pots of tea and good lighting... these are the things that make winter days more bearable. Try these beauties from Design House Stockholm and watch your clocks go back in style. We love the back-to-school feel of the Mañana lamp, inspired by a stick figure and lacquered in graphite grey to resemble a pencil sketch. Prices from £120.50 for the Cord lamp mini to £252 for the Mañana lamp (020 7352 8403; designhouse stockholm.com).



Bookshelf

Terence Conran's Inspiration by Terence Conran and Stafford Cliff

Inside the mind and home of the man behind Habitat and one of Britain's most prolific and influential living designers. A perfect coffee-table tome.

Octopus/ £40

The Thrifty Gardener by Alys Fowler

From DIY containers to propagating and saving seed, *The Thrifty Gardener* presents ingenious ethical solutions to creating a garden on next to nothing.

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The Hand-Sculpted House by Ianto Evans, Michael G. Smith, and Linda Smiley

Cob - a mix of earth, water, straw, clay and sand - is one of the oldest and cheapest ways to build. A practical guide to using traditional techniques to create a contemporary home.

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Urban Eco Chic by Oliver Heath

A comprehensive one-stop guide to choosing the most eco-friendly options to furnish your home.

Quadrille from EcoCentric (ecocentric.co.uk)/ £19.99

The Ceramics Book Second Edition edited by Emmanuel Cooper

Whether you're potty about ceramics or completely unfamiliar with Britain's most popular craft, this compact bible is a handy manual detailing new work from 260 contemporary potters.

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* EXHIBITION

10 Lasting legacy

Le Corbusier: genius of modern architecture or high priest of hideous tower blocks? Whichever side you sit on, his influence is undeniable, and now you can see it in all its breadth at *Le Corbusier - The Art of Architecture*. The major exhibition, which opens in Liverpool then travels to London in February, includes original models and

drawings, as well as films, paintings, furniture and a reconstruction of his unrealised master plan for Paris, which involved bulldozing large parts of the city in favour of skyscraper apartments. The Crypt, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, 2 October-18 January 2009, £6 adults, £4 concessions, free for under-16s. Advance booking recommended as the exhibition has timed entrances (architecture.com/lecorbusier).

