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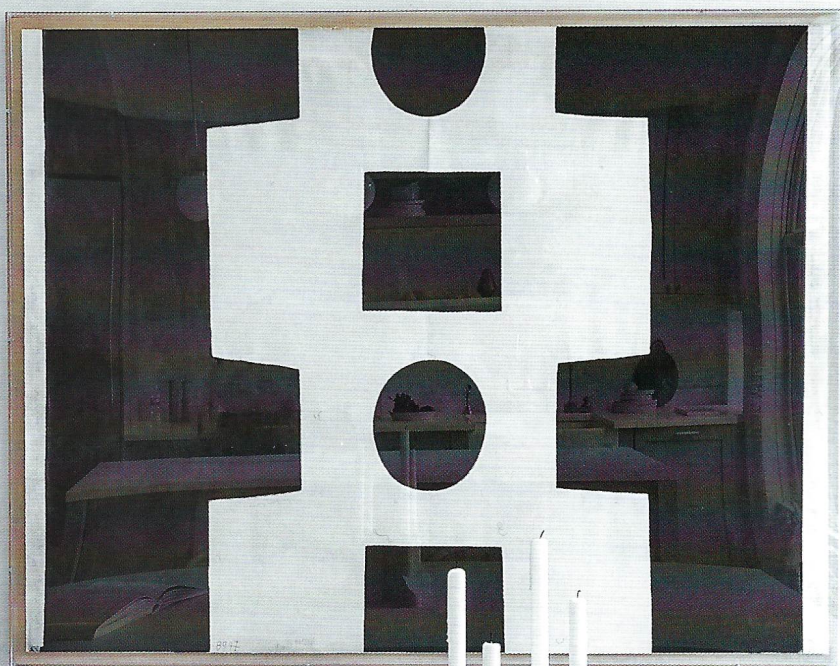
SHOP BEAUTIFUL
PIECES WITH A
HANDMADE LOOK

BRILLIANT IN BROOKLYN

A chic brownstone
steeped in history

KITCHEN TREND

It's all about the pantry



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STRIKING

MODERN HOMES THAT MAKE A STYLE STATEMENT



ON BOARD

Chopping boards with inherent good looks can double as serving platters, meaning less time fiddling around in the kitchen and a thumbs up from us. Use Habitat's Javi design to serve canapés and cheese plates with a side of summer-ready, confetti-effect terrazzo. **£30** (habitat.co.uk)



[Foor show]

Launching exclusively at John Lewis & Partners, the diffusion line from rug supremo Luke Irwin has us excited.

It has 11 hand-knotted designs in easy-to-live-with plain colours, each with 10 per cent of the sari silk left undyed to ensure the surface 'flickers with life'. Horizon and Sari Silk rugs, from £1,800, available April 2019 (johnlewis.com)

BATH BLISS

We all yearn for time away from the crowds and while we hope that's a given during a soak in the tub, splash bathroom walls in hues from Crown Paints' Immersive palette to take disconnecting one step further. Six blue shades (from midnight to mist) represent the tranquillity of the ocean, with Teal new for 2019. After all, colours aren't just colours at Crown - they're moods.

Pass the bubble bath... (Clockwise, from left) Duck Egg, Palm Springs, Stepping Stone, Midnight Navy and Teal matt emulsion, from £14 for 2.5L (crownpaints.co.uk)



MY TYPE

Move over Scrabble; from experimental design studio Felix Salut, the newly pocket-sized Galapagos Game features 54 building blocks printed with just nine different geometric shapes that, when laid out in an almost endless number of combinations, form letters, words and abstract shapes. So tell someone you love them with a message on the kitchen table - it's much more romantic than a Post-it note stuck on the fridge. **€49** (felixsalut.com)





or quirky Seventies? Whether it's five photos or 50, the pictures tell me so much more about the specifics.'

The punch that Amelie threw here was in the kitchen. She knew she wanted the space to have character, but it had to skilfully blend in as it sits alongside the dining and living areas. 'I'd seen similar kitchen units with a washed wood finish in a photo,' she reveals, 'and I wanted to try my own version. It wasn't easy. I went through about 15 samples before deciding on the right one. The finish is put together with layer after layer of different patinas and then rubbed down to create a textured appearance. Because I don't like samey-samey, I paired these units with a completely different style that has amazing hammered metal paint sprayed doors. I was so excited when it was completed. It looked better than I'd imagined!'

Amelie is full of ideas for bespoke accessories and she knows how to utilise her connections. 'I go to the marble warehouse and buy incredible slabs of stone and marble and turn

them into tables,' she says. 'They look amazing and cost half the price of some of the store versions.' Smart budgeting was a high priority with this apartment, so Amelie had to decide where it was worth spending more and where she needed to be creative. 'The wonderful thing about bespoke is that it's yours and yours only. Plus, it's easier to create than you think – if you have an idea or a photo reference, there's usually someone who can make it for you.'

The result in this west London apartment is modern, clever, inviting and unique. It goes to show that you don't need a grand floor plan and unlimited cash to create something distinctive and desirable. 'Nick and Anna wanted somewhere they could relax after a hard day's work,' says Amelie. 'But the apartment also needed a level of sophistication for entertaining. A tricky combination, but I really feel like we've pulled it off. Homes need to be a culmination of many things and it's my job to make sure they all come together.'

See Amelie's work at avcinterior.co.uk



GUEST BEDROOM

A simple approach that's practical and chic makes the most of this room.

Get the look The cushions are from Design Vintage. The lamp is from Tom Dixon. Rockett St George sells a similar marble shelf.

FAMILY ROOM

Light floods into this space on the apartment's upper level, which leads to the terrace.

Get the look Camerich sells this sofa. The cushions are from Andrew Martin. The bespoke marble table was made by Amelie. The rug is from Luke Irwin.

TERRACE

During the summer months, Nick and Anna's guests spill on to the terrace to take in the view of iconic Portobello Road below.

Get the look The outdoor furniture is from John Lewis & Partners.