

# inspiration

Some of the design effects in this issue, recreated by Gareth Wyn Davies



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1 The crested looking-glass above the Pompadour fireplace in Philippe Grand and Jean-Pierre Ollier's salon reflects their fondness for Rococo (page 142). Admire its likeness – and your own – in the form of this 19th-century overmantel (£1,690) from the French Antique Company. Visit [frenchantiquecompany.com](http://frenchantiquecompany.com).

2 The two gentlemen of Montmartre are huge Madonna fans – that's the Virgin, not the artiste – as you will gather from the contents of their cloches (page 142). Well, praise be to Re for selling this plaster statue (from £54) in six serene shades and these divine 'Shola' baubles (from £1.95), should you want to accessorise Our Lady of Nice Necklaces in like fashion. Ring 01434 634567, or visit [re-foundobjects.com](http://re-foundobjects.com).

3 If you worry that there's something a bit school staffroom about a mid-century armless chair, banish those misgivings *tout de suite!* Two lettuce-green examples in the Paris apartment (page 142) help dispel such associations. Alas, the Florence Knoll original on which they are based is no longer in production, but 'Major' by Mitchell Gold and Bob Williams (shown in verde performance velvet) is a worthy substitute. From \$2,527. Visit [mgbwhome.com](http://mgbwhome.com).

4 Did you clock the dinky opaline globes orbiting Arthur Mitchell's studio like minor planets (page 102)? Us too! On a mission to find such a system for an un-astronomical sum we landed on these in glass and porcelain from Trainspotters. They're 20cm in diameter and £144 each. Ring 01453 756677, or visit [trainspotters.co.uk](http://trainspotters.co.uk).

5 There was never a dull moment in the kitchen of the bohemian Chelsea residence (page 105), thanks to ultra-bright walls that glow as if someone forgot to switch off the sun. If you too like paint that packs a punch say hello to 'English Yellow' by Annie Sloan (£41.95 for 2.5 litres). Ring 01865 770061, or visit [anniesloan.com](http://anniesloan.com).

6 The Mallord Street house was so cold in winter its owners would flock like migratory birds from the upper floors to warmer climes – the drawing room. Suffice to say, they really needed their classic eiderdowns



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(page 109) and would, we're sure, thoroughly approve of Dearest Violet's version in rose silk satin (from £350). Visit [dearestviolet.com](http://dearestviolet.com).

7 Your jaw may have hit the floor on seeing the results of the Hôtel de Bourrienne's restoration – a splendid parquet-de-Versailles floor at that (page 133). One not dissimilar to Charles Lowe's rich-toned engineered oak panels; £349.98 per sq m. Ring 01509 263422, or visit [charleslowe.co.uk](http://charleslowe.co.uk).

8 Hang the gilt: would you look askance at a sconce that costs £2,534 approx? Not when it's one as exquisite as this, Tisserant's 'Ruban', a noble stand-in for frisky Fortunée Hamelin's Directoire fittings (page 137). Ring 00 33 1 47 00 37 37, or visit [tisserant.fr](http://tisserant.fr).

9 The *hôtel's* tented foyer (page 137) is ticking all the right boxes for us – and, no doubt, for stripe-meister Ian Mankin, whose 'Tenby' fabric (£42.50 per m) is along similar (thick and thin) lines. For full effect edge with Samuel & Sons' scarlet 'Sabine' trim (£18 per m). Ring 020 7722 0997, or visit [ianmankin.co.uk](http://ianmankin.co.uk). Ring 020 7351 5153, or visit [samuelandsons.com](http://samuelandsons.com).

10 Who best to replicate the ornate paintwork on the four-poster at Renishaw (page 93)? Step forward, please, the talented Tess Newall, who decorated the sleigh frame seen here in a similar palette. From £450. Visit [tessnewall.com](http://tessnewall.com).

11 Did one of the Sitwells, late of Renishaw, harbour a fetish for the Folies Bergère? Only we couldn't help spotting the showgirl-style ostrich plumes topping a bed (page 93). Tempted? The Feather Factory's centrepieces (£150 each) might tickle your fancy... Visit [thefeatherfactory.co.uk](http://thefeatherfactory.co.uk).

12 Given their tastes in face furniture, those myopic Mughals (page 110) would surely adore the centenarian style maven Iris Apfel. Her 'Good to be Square' specs for Zenni are neither diamond nor emerald but acetate, yet they have the same out-there appeal – plus, at \$49.95, it won't matter if you sit on them. Visit [zennioptical.com](http://zennioptical.com). ▷



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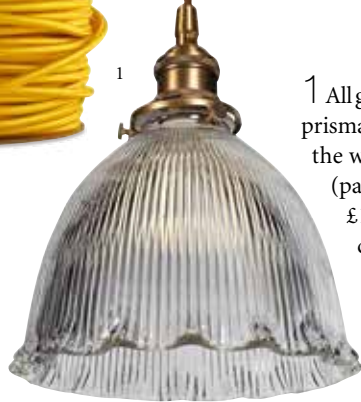


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1 All good things come in threes – the scalloped prismatic shades hung over the dining table in the writer’s farmhouse being no exception (page 122). Soho Lighting’s ‘D’Arblay’ (from £197) is pretty spot-on as is, though you could always sex up the flex with a colourful cable from Urban Cottage Industries (£4.80 perm). Ring 020 8106 1221, or visit [soholighting.com](http://soholighting.com). Ring 020 7193 2119, or visit [urbancottageindustries.com](http://urbancottageindustries.com).



2 Orange dip: a roll-top bath looks like vermilion dollars tucked under the eaves of an en suite in the Maria Speake interior (page 130). Make a similar splash with the Albion Bath Company’s ‘Geminus’ (from £1,647) in the Farrow & Ball or Dulux Trade shade of your choice. Ring 01255 831605, or visit [albionbathco.com](http://albionbathco.com).



3 Three essentials for a leisurely supper: good company, a big round table – and a well-padded seat. Howe has the last of these covered (in cherry leather, since you ask) with its 18th-century-style ‘Salon’ chair (£4,837 as shown), akin to those in the convivial farmhouse kitchen (page 122). Ring 020 7730 7987, or visit [howelondon.com](http://howelondon.com).



4 Lie back and think of Josef Frank – or the Josef Frank holiday house in Falsterbo (page 94) – on this ‘P6’ rattan lounger, one of his classic designs for Svenskt Tenn (£3,876 approx). Ring 00 46 670 1600, or visit [svenskttenn.se](http://svenskttenn.se).



5 Sad to say the GP&J Baker fabric on the chairs in the Frank house is no more (page 96). But the good news is that the equally lovely ‘Oriental Bird’ in blush (£86 per m) is near as dammit the same. *Fantastisk*, as they say in Sweden. Ring 01202 266700, or visit [gpjbaker.com](http://gpjbaker.com).



6 Ply’s the thing in the former London coach house (page 114) – bespoke Uncommon Projects kitchen included. The Plywood Kitchen Company would be a good off-the-shelf option (‘Butler’ larder, £1,317). Ring 01793 387640, or visit [theyplywoodkitchencompany.co.uk](http://theyplywoodkitchencompany.co.uk) ■