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*The Chateau*TM

MADE TO MEASURE CURTAINS & BLINDS
LOOK BOOK 2025/2026

IN COLLABORATION WITH
gordon john



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A Celebration of
Vintage-Inspired Chateau Stories



Escape to the Chateau™ with Angel Strawbridge, every design nods to a bygone era and tells a story inspired by the Chateau and her family: husband Dick, and children, Arthur & Dorothy.

The distinctive style and handwriting celebrate Angel's quirky sense of design and love of old things, telling the story behind the hidden treasures and enchanting grounds of her fairytale home, Chateau de la Motte Husson.

"The Chateau has so many stories to tell. Simple things: from the herons that Dorothy and Dick watch every morning and the pumpkins Arthur grew in Daddy's walled garden, to the excitement of discovering hidden treasures that invite us to reimagine the past...my designs tell the story of our lives here at the Chateau. It's not just beautiful, it's our love story. I hope you enjoy the pages ahead and seeing the inspiration behind them."

Angel Strawbridge x

In this exciting collaboration with artisan curtain maker and family-run business, Gordon John, see Angel's designs in stunning bespoke curtains and blinds.

Potagerie Collection

On the fourth floor of the Chateau, a room patiently awaited some TLC. The former servant's quarters boast a stunning view of the "Potagerie", the Chateau's walled garden.

The room waited nearly four years to receive the attention it deserved, and in that time, the Potagerie had begun its transformation – and the view got better and better and better. Dick duly named it "The Potagerie Suite", and from that moment on, the room began to come to life.

For Angel, design is about telling a story, and this one is about love.

"The kitchen garden is Dick's passion, and while tending to it is a little outside my comfort zone, I appreciate the beauty of everything that grows. With this design, I combine my admiration for Art Deco design with the produce lovingly cultivated by my husband. Carrots, courgettes, artichokes, sweet peas, and our bees feature in this bountiful celebration of the Potagerie. To complete the cottage garden feel, I drew inspiration from the flowers on the original century-old wallpaper in the room."



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In series one of *Escape to the Chateau*, Angel makes her first visit to the attic. In amongst the cobwebs, and with baby Dorothy on her hip, she opens the door to a 15-foot-tall armoire. To her amazement, inside is roll upon roll of the most beautiful wallpaper, original off-cuts from designs that once adorned the Chateau's walls.

With the help of Dick's meticulous calculations, each wallpaper was cut into a diamond shape and carefully pasted to the turret walls in the Honeymoon Suite. Elegant braiding was pinned along the edges to finish the look.

"The Wallpaper Museum is a celebration of The Chateau's history. I wanted to share this amazing discovery, the joy of the colours and designs, and for this history to live on in people's memories."





Nouveau Heron

The Nouveau Heron design is inspired by the heron that circles the moat at Chateau de la Motte Husson, brought to life in an Art Deco style.

In Japanese culture, the heron represents a noble and graceful appearance, a sign of purity and happiness. Surrounded by a picturesque moat, the Chateau is the perfect backdrop for this elegant and symbolic bird. The Nouveau Heron design beautifully encapsulates these qualities.

“We are very fortunate to be surrounded by a moat. Not only is it peaceful, but a heron perches on a rock every morning to catch fish. Dorothy has taken a real liking to our adopted heron, often shouting at the top of her lungs, ‘The heron...the heron!’ It usually flies away at this point, but we all run to the window to see it in flight!”





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Emerald Fan

Emerald Fan features a vibrant colour palette of teal, light blue, and mustard - a stunning contrast that makes a bold statement. This richly opulent design is adorned with illustrated hand-held fans, intricate flowers, 1920s-inspired motifs, and Art Deco styling, creating a truly show-stopping aesthetic.

Inspired by Angel's love for traditional Japanese kimonos, Emerald Fan transports us to an era of glamour and effortless style. Angel originally created this design as wallpaper for her parent's new bedroom suite in the Coach House, a heartwarming renovation showcased in series 8 of Escape to the Chateau.

"I love a kimono! The moment I slipped on my first silky one, I was hooked, and 20 years later, my collection is vast. They are my go-to for comfort and effortless elegance, and I adore the intricate designs and sumptuous fabric. Drawing inspiration from this, Emerald Fan is a luxurious homage to the glamour of the roaring 20s and the romance of a bygone era."



The Wildflower Garden

The wild meadow and cutting garden at The Chateau tell a sweet love story. From the moment they met, Dick realised Angel's passion for flowers. Together with their children, Arthur and Dorothy, he made it their mission to create a magical space where wildflowers could grow.

Angel's floral design is characterised by this wild and abundant nature; she incorporates botanicals, herbs, and dried flowers into her arrangements for both The Chateau and weddings.

"The wild meadow and cutting garden hold a special place in my heart. The abundance of flowers and the creatures that inhabit them have inspired this whimsical yet elegant design. The Wildflower Garden captures the essence of the untamed surroundings with tendrils interweaving various shapes and forms to create an enchanting tapestry of beauty. A touch of Art Nouveau styling perfectly complements this expression of flora and fauna."



Whisper White



Nightshadow





Take a stroll through the woodland at the Chateau, where you will encounter a variety of beautiful wildlife. The Woodland Trail is inspired by nature and features some of the flora and fauna you might see along the way.

The Strawbridge family shares the parkland with many species of wildlife. Angel captures some of these in this intricate design, while the autumnal tones reflect the colour palette of a particularly golden season at the Chateau.

“The grounds surrounding the Chateau are captivating and often become the subject of our morning chats while gazing staring out the window of the Strawbridge suite. We feel so lucky to be able to take long walks, searching for deer, hedgehogs and squirrels hiding in the woodland. There is an abundance of natural beauty, and with Arthur and Dorothy at the perfect age, exploring nature is always on the agenda!”





The Lily Garden

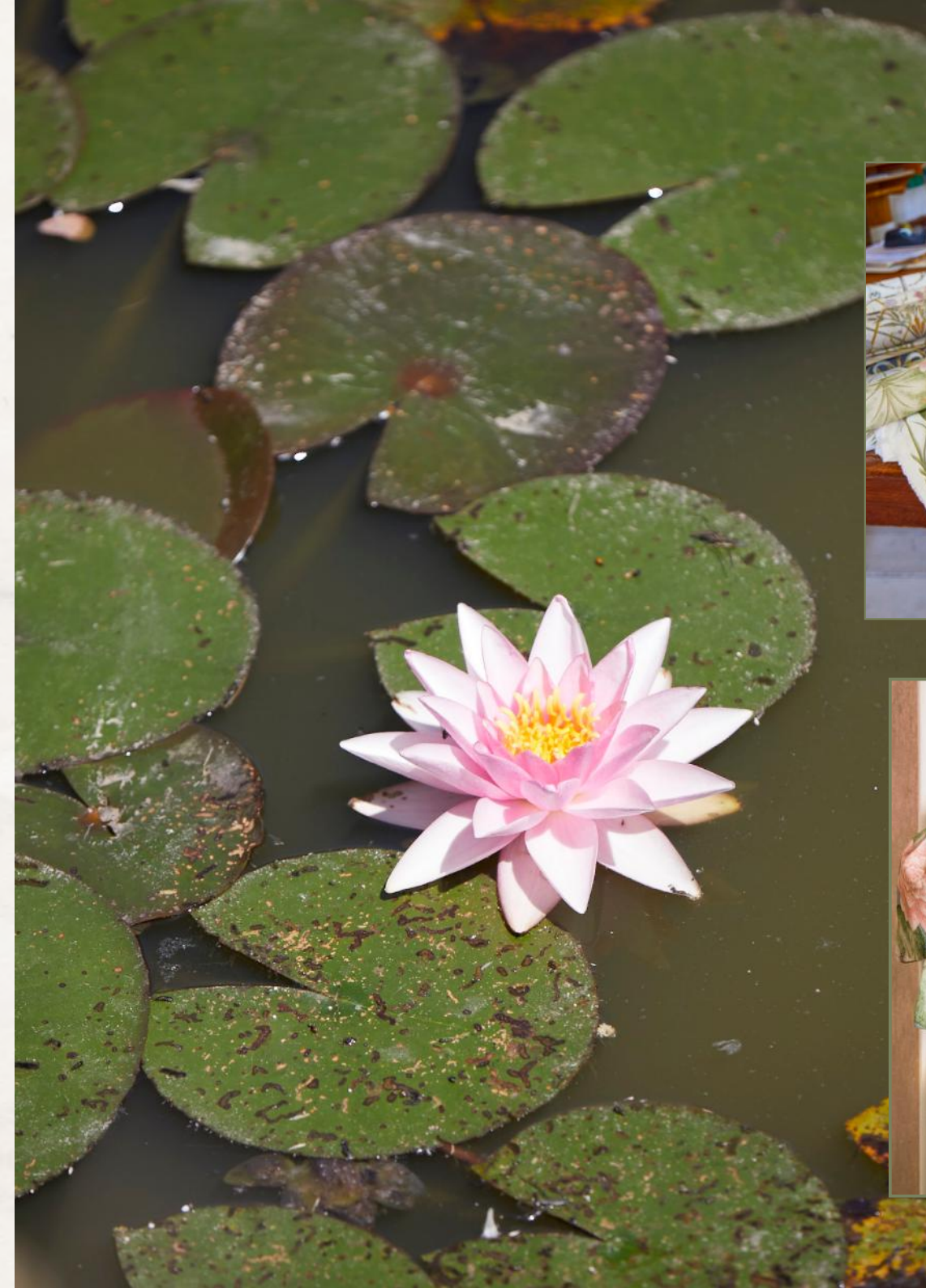
A family outing to Monet's Garden inspired the creation of the moat's lily garden, beautifully captured in this striking print.

When searching for their forever home, being close to the water was at the top of the Strawbridge's must-have list. It was truly love at first sight when they saw the Chateau, and the moat was the icing on the cake.

It took them a couple of years before they ventured outside to plant their first trees. Since then, the grounds have served as a rich source of inspiration.

In 2019, the Strawbridges visited Monet's Gardens in Giverny. Captivated by the incredible beauty of the lily garden, they returned to the Chateau and planted 30 lily rhizomes. They could not believe it when, a couple of months later, the lilies produced week after week of stunning flowers.

"Sometimes, you draw inspiration from the beauty of other places to enhance your own home. Our whole family loved the lily pond at Giverny, so it felt natural to take this inspiration to our own moat. We watch the lilies change each day - who knew they only bloom after three hours of sunlight? When the sun sets, the lilies gently close and go to sleep. Isn't nature fascinating?"



Available in two colourways



Cream



Eau de Nil



Made to Order Curtains and Blinds

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR FABRIC



The Lily Garden

Colour: Eau De Nil
Pattern Repeat: 33cm
LIL/EDN/14000FA



The Lily Garden

Colour: Cream
Pattern Repeat: 33cm
LIL/CRE/14000FA



The Wildflower Garden

Colour: Nightshadow
Pattern Repeat: 68.5cm
WFG/NIG/14000FA



The Wildflower Garden

Colour: Whisper White
Pattern Repeat: 68.5cm
WFG/WHW/14000FA



Potagerie

Colour: Cream
Pattern Repeat: 34cm
POT/CRE/14000FA



Wallpaper Museum

Colour: Multi
Pattern Repeat: 91.5cm
WAP/MUL/14000FA



Woodland Trail

Colour: Cream
Pattern Repeat: 32cm
WON/TRL/14000FA



Nouveau Heron Cream

Colour: Cream
Pattern Repeat: 37cm
NOH/CRE/14000FA



Nouveau Heron Navy

Colour: Navy
Pattern Repeat: 37cm
NOH/NAV/14000FA



Emerald Fan

Colour: Emerald
Pattern Repeat: 45cm
EME/EME/14000FA

Ordering Curtains

Once you have chosen your fabric...

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR HEADER

- 3" or 6" Pencil pleat
- 3" or 6" Pinch pleat (double & triple pleats)
- Wave
- Eyelet:



STEP 3: CHOOSE YOUR LINING

- Polycotton Satin Twill (Ecru)
- 3 Pass Blackout (White or Ivory)
- 1 Pass Thermal (Ivory)
- Super Sateen (Cream)
- Bonded Twill
- Bonded Blackout

STEP 4: MEASURE UP USING OUR GUIDE

STEP 5: PLACE YOUR ORDER

Your curtains will be ready in 7 working days!



Ordering Blinds

Once you have chosen your fabric...

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR LINING

- Polycotton Satin Twill (Ecru)
- 3 Pass Blackout (White or Ivory)
- 1 Pass Thermal (Ivory)
- Super Sateen (Cream)
- Bonded Twill
- Bonded Blackout

STEP 3: CHOOSE YOUR CHAIN COLOUR

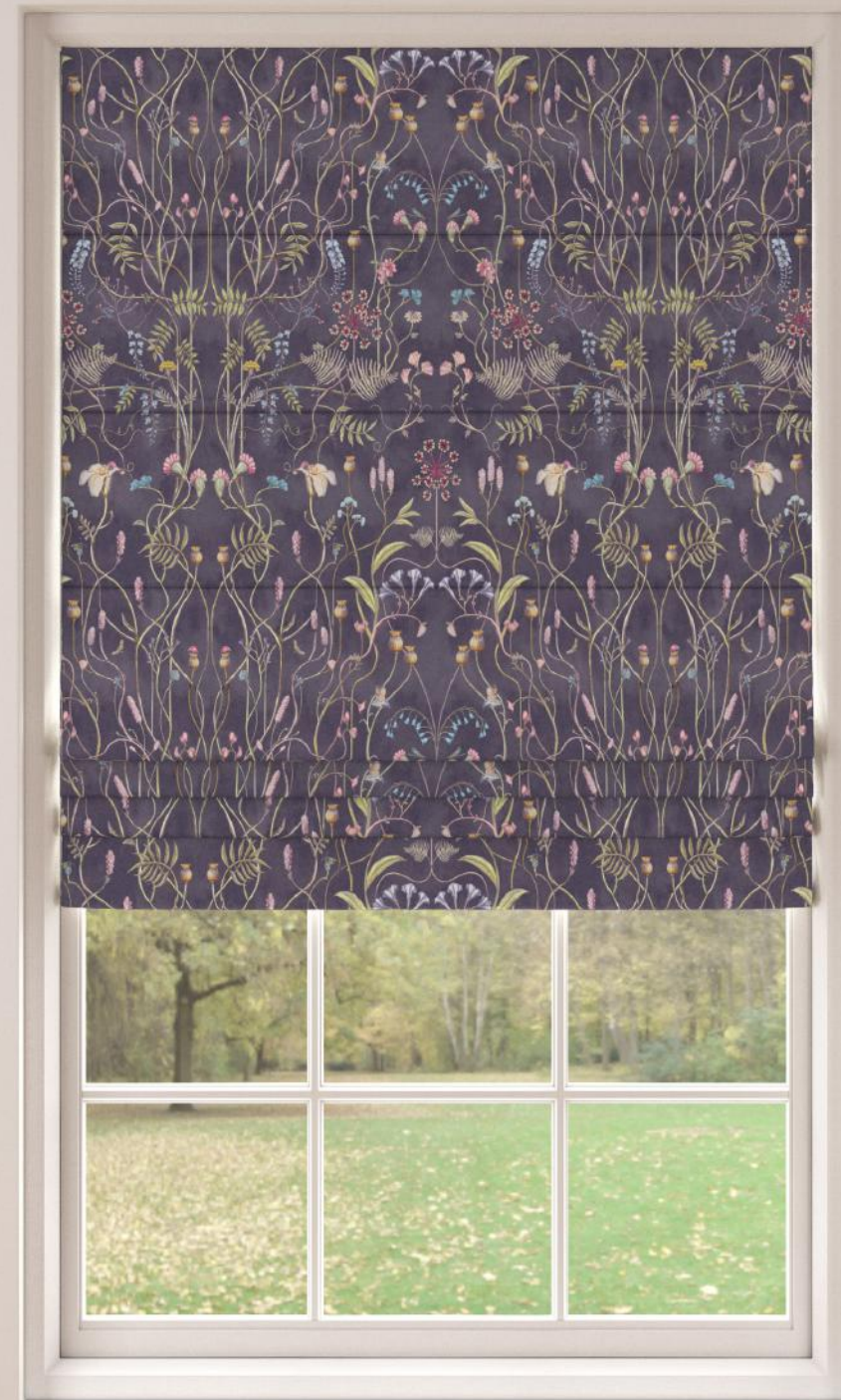
- Chrome (standard)
- Antique Brass
- Black Nickel
- Shiny Brass (Gold)
- Burnished Silver

STEP 3: CHOOSE RIGHT OR LEFT HAND CONTROL

STEP 4: MEASURE UP USING OUR GUIDE

STEP 5: PLACE YOUR ORDER

Your blinds will be ready in 7 working days!



Ordering Valances

Once you have chosen your fabric...

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR HEADING TYPE

- 3" Heading tape
- 3" or 6" Pinch pleat heading
- Multipocket tape or velcro compatible tape

STEP 3: CHOOSE YOUR FINISH

- Frill
- Plain

STEP 4: CHOOSE YOUR SIZE

- 2 width (recommended for a pair of 1 width curtains)
- 3 width (recommended for a pair of 1.5 width curtains)
- 4 width (recommended for a pair of 2 width curtains)
- 5 width (recommended for a pair of 2.5 width curtains)
- 6 width (recommended for a pair of 3 width curtains)

STEP 5: CHOOSE THE LENGTH

- 25cm / 10"
- 36cm / 14"

STEP 6: PLACE YOUR ORDER

Your valance will be ready in 7 working days!

PINCH PLEATS



HEADING TAPE



Ordering Tiebacks

Once you have chosen your fabric...

STEP 2: CHOOSE YOUR STYLE

- Crescent plain
- Crescent self piped
- Straight plain

STEP 3: CHOOSE YOUR SIZE

- 46cm / 18" (recommended for a pair of 0.5-1 width curtains)
- 61cm / 24" (recommended for a pair of 1-1.5 width curtains)
- 76cm / 30" (recommended for a pair of 2-2.5 width curtains)
- 89cm / 35" (recommended for a pair of 3 width curtains)

STEP 7: PLACE YOUR ORDER

Your valance will be ready in 7 working days!



STRAIGHT PLAIN



CRESCENT PLAIN



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