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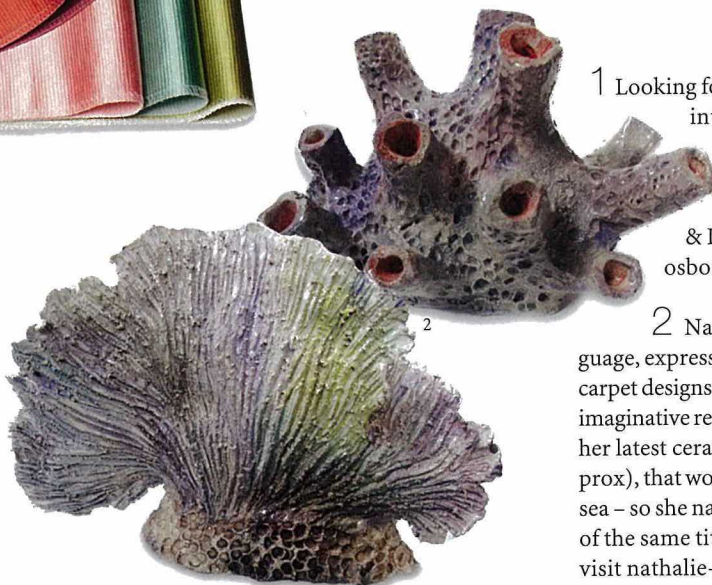
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What's in the air this month, edited by Nathalie Wilson

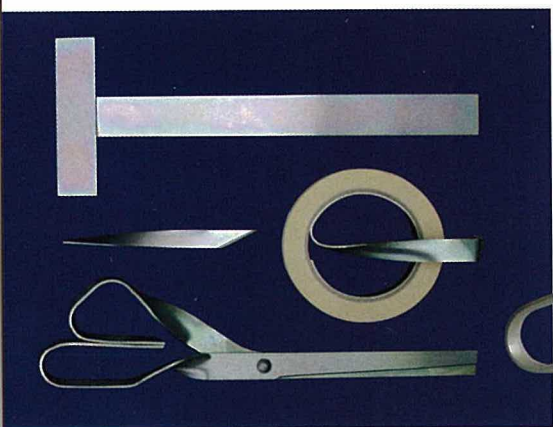


1 Looking for ways to inject some glamour into your interior? Nina Campbell's 'Sylvana' satin (21 colourways; £52.33 per m) could be the answer. Ring Osborne & Little on 020 7352 1456, or visit osborneandlittle.com.

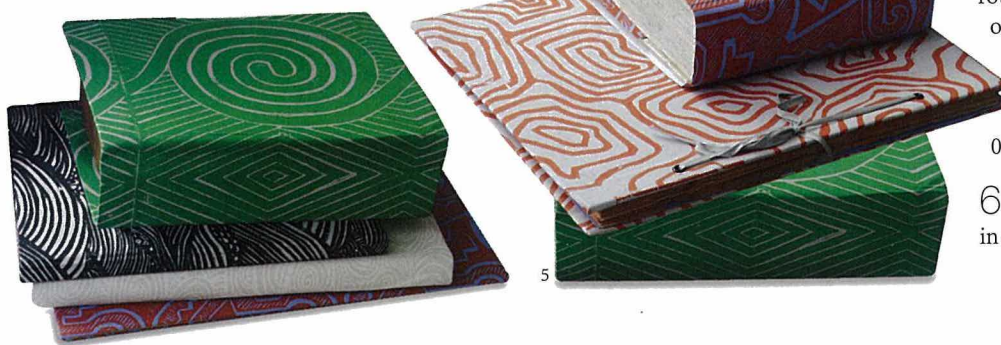


2 Nathalie Lété's unique visual language, expressed through painting, ceramics, carpet designs and other media, takes us to the imaginative realms of childhood. In the case of her latest ceramics collection (from £134 approx), that would be 20,000 leagues under the sea – so she named it after Jules Verne's book of the same title. Ring 00 33 1 49 60 84 76, or visit nathalie-lete.com.

3 Like fellow countryman Gustave Eiffel, Mathieu Lenorman has a passion for steel, using the metal to create furniture that smacks of 19th-century French industrial work. This table (£4,840 approx) from the 'FL' range is inspired by the engineer's iconic tower, which originally served as the entrance to the 1889 World's Fair (also shown: 'Usine' shelving, £2,258 approx). Ring 00 33 1 42 60 69 82, or visit mathieu-lenorman.com.

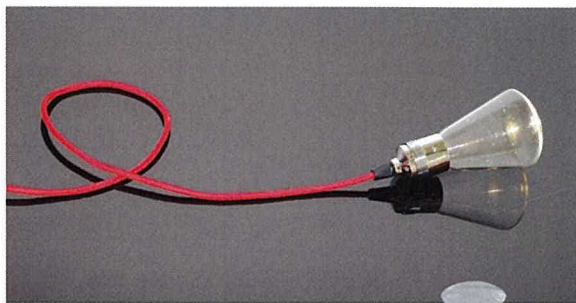


4 Michael Antrobus's seven-piece 'Ground' desk set is a cut above. The fact that the components are made from strips of zinc-plated stainless steel bent into the required form gives them an appealingly utilitarian look that's in keeping with the designer's aim to create 'industrial tools for the home'. A pair of scissors costs £50. Ring 07766 013505, or visit michaelantrobus.com.



5 Adrienne Neff's hand-block-printed 'Uzu' wallpaper collection (shown here wrapped round books) is so new that were you to buy any of the seven debut designs – inspired by ancient and Neolithic decorative arts round the world – you might find the ink barely dry. Prices from \$120 per 69 × 91cm panel. Ring 001 646 613 8460, or visit adrienneneff.com.

6 Philippe Daney is a bit of a lighting guru in events-planning circles. His 'Phy' collection



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for Sce is likely to earn him similar standing among those with more modest requirements. The traditional flexes used in the table and pendant versions (£87 approx and £203 approx respectively), and simple metal bulb holder, make for a retro aesthetic, while the three different-shaped LED bulbs are very 21st century. (Also shown: floor lamp, from £178 approx). Ring 00 33 5 61 69 13 11, or visit sce-france.com.

7 Aboubakar Fofana is committed to preserving West Africa's endangered textile heritage. To this end, the Malian artist established workshops in his homeland. Here he passes on his skills, learned in Japan, and encourages the growing of organic cotton and indigofera, or 'blue gold'. Shown from top are a 2.7 x 2.6m 'Ruban' panel (£1,989 approx) and 'Shibori Origami' cushions (£143 approx each). Ring Gallery la Soie Disante on 00 33 1 42 61 23 44.

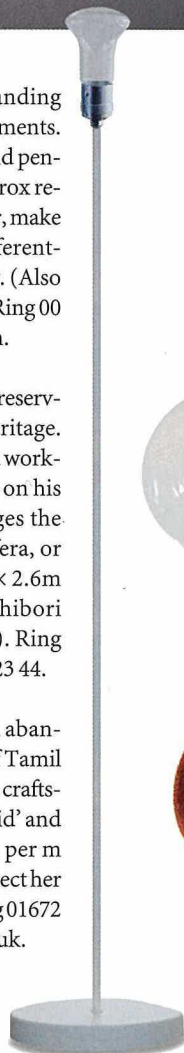
8 Not for the first time, Susie Watson abandoned the hills of Wiltshire for those of Tamil Nadu, India. There she worked with local crafts-people to create hand-dyed cotton 'Braid' and 'Pom-Pom' trimmings (£4.50 and £15 per m respectively) in four colourways that reflect her penchant for the faded, vintage look. Ring 01672 511281, or visit susiewatsondesigns.co.uk.

9 When it came to London Underground's recent refurbishments, H&E Smith were the people to commission for replacement tiles: the Stoke company has been going since the 1920s and uses traditional techniques – including firing pieces twice – to create historical designs such as these 15 x 7.5cm (85p) and 7.5 x 7.5cm (£1.15) 'Metro' tiles, available in 21 colours. Ring 01782 281617, or visit hesmith.co.uk.

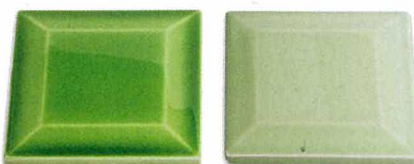
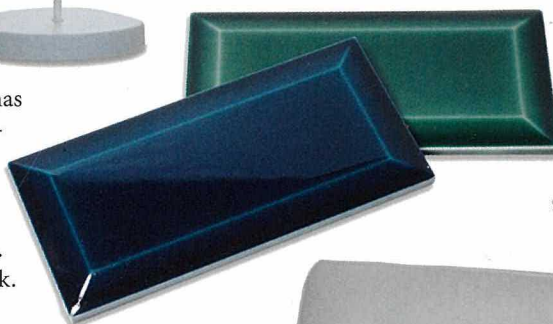
10 When George Smith says its new 'Brompton' sofa offers infinite possibilities, the company is hardly exaggerating: the British-made seating is available in eight standard widths and small, medium or large sizes, a choice of four arm and three leg styles, and with or without loose cushions and piping. So many decisions to be made on top of choosing fabric for the upholstery! Prices from £2,845. Ring 020 7384 1004, or visit georgesmith.co.uk ■



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