

10 BRANDS to watch

New brands bring fresh ideas to the design scene triggering thoughts of how to update our homes. **Dominic Lutyens** picks the homeware names to watch out for in 2017



◀ VEEGA DESIGN

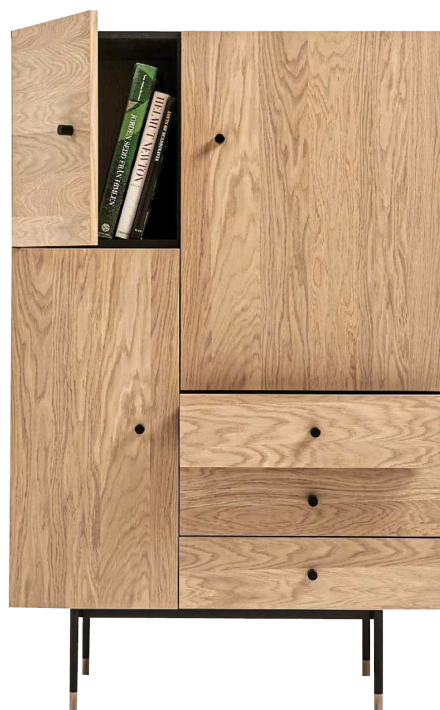
CRAFTING Comfort, Veega Tankun's first collection, comprises handmade furniture and lighting in acid-bright hues and unorthodox yet durable materials. "I'm inspired by traditional textile techniques passed down the generations in my family – knitting, crochet

and weaving," says the designer. This enveloping Needle chair, £2,950, combines sausage-like tubes encased in turquoise knitted cotton fed through holes in its ash frame. Stabilising bungee cord is tied tightly around it, like arms that grab and hug you as you sink into the chair. Visit veegadesign.com



▲ ONE NINE EIGHT FIVE

SET UP by Eleanor Nadimi four months ago and sold on high-profile furniture and home accessories website eporta.com, this brand thrives on tactile textures and rich, warm tones. Its opulent designs include this Pixel Camo swivel chair, £725, upholstered in velvet, and are mainly inspired by high fashion labels including Fendi and Gucci. Two collections are planned per year. See onenineeightfive.co.uk



◀ PERCH & PARROW

FOUNDED by London-based interior designer Astrid Limal, this wide-ranging online furniture brand stocks big, stylish pieces including boxy armchairs in peppermint green but also slims down for smaller spaces with its pastel pink Donatella chair, £170, below, and this tall but unimposing Miri cabinet, priced £670. "I launched Perch & Parrow to make interior decoration less daunting and offer furniture that makes a house feel homely," says Limal. Visit perchandparrow.com



▶▶ FRANCESCA ROSSI

THIS new designer's funky furniture includes the Switch floor lamp, right, £895, with acrylic panels that slide to change the colour of the light, and these Arc tables, priced from £745 to £1,499, in powder-coated aluminium and ash with a curved base that conceals a shelf. Rossi has been shortlisted for the Heal's Discovers 2017 initiative and chosen for the Crafts Council's Hothouse business development programme. Visit francescarossi.co.uk



▼ **TO&FROM**

DUTCH product designer Bob de Graaf launched to&from with London-based interior designer Somya Singh, offering a collection of tableware in strong, elemental shapes. "Their simple forms are

designed to put the focus on the beautiful materials we use, from slate to marble," says De Graaf. This white marble Thali plate, £45, sits on a large green marble Thali plate, £105. From toandfrom.co and eporta.com

► **BHAVIN TAYLOR**

INTERIOR DESIGNER Bhavin Taylor recently launched a homeware collection in blazingly bright hues including flame orange and electric blue and white, and boasting oversize prints that recall flags. To date, he has produced cotton furnishing fabrics and wool rugs and blankets, all bearing unapologetically bold, large-scale chevron patterns and quirky, tattoo-inspired motifs. Fabrics £75 per metre; cushions £75 each; rugs from £370 per square metre (bhavintaylor.design.com).

► **THE CURIOUS DEPARTMENT**

"A TREASURE TROVE of nature-inspired homeware, limited-edition art prints and ethical taxidermy" is how this idiosyncratic online brand's co-founders, Chris McShane and Ross Taylor, summarise it. Insects and butterfly motifs crawl or flit across its products, like this white 18in square butterfly kaleidoscope vegan-suede microfibre cushion, £30 (thecuriousdepartment.com).

► **THE KAIROS COLLECTIVE**

A HIGH-END, highly individual e-commerce brand, this stocks both new designs and antiques, sourced from up to 20 mainly London-based shops. It also sells more affordable wares, though this pair of Maison Jansen brass sconces, with peacocks hidden in ferns, will set you back £2,500. The birds resemble phoenixes bathed in flames when lit up (thekairoscollective.com).

► **MAIK**

PAIRING striking design with ethical production methods is the ethos behind MAIK, an ancient Scottish word meaning as good as something can be. MAIK was established by former menswear designer Cat Thorogood and its kaleidoscopically patterned trays, £38, and tables, £85, like this one in a Geo Leaf pattern, are made of wood from FSC-certified forests. Its organic cotton cushions are handmade at FabricWorks, an east London social enterprise where unemployed women learn sewing and business skills. Visit maiklondon.com

► **KIM NORRIE**

SCOTTISH-BORN, London-based RCA graduate Norrie dreams up textured textiles with rustic, romantic qualities, giving them a contemporary twist with prominent stitches that form dynamic, graphic dashes – as here in the Hamilton and T-Banana collections. Price on application. From kimmorrie.co.uk and Mayfair handmade homewares store The New Craftsmen (thenewcraftsmen.com).

KEY TRENDS IN 2017

Space-saving, multifunctional furniture: flexibility is the way to go this year, according to a report from furniture sourcing platform eporta.com and trend forecasting agency WGSN. Aneeqa Khan, founder of eporta.com, points to the growing popularity of "bar stools, extendable tables, nesting tables and stackable chairs". WGSN believes this is due to the rise of home entertainment, especially among millennials, who are increasingly hosting parties and film screenings in their homes and need flexible furniture that performs a string of functions.

Nature and natural motifs: "Spring will see a continuation of our love of nature, especially an appreciation of beautiful British gardens, in the form of painterly florals and botanical prints in subtle shades," predicts Philippa Prinsloo, head of design at John Lewis. She cites the mauve or hazy blue shades of asters, alliums and lavender as being particularly inspiring.

Moroccan souk chic: this is another tip from John Lewis's Philippa Prinsloo, who says: "Moroccan style will be everywhere this spring and summer. Think hot colours, geometric patterns and playful pompoms."

Meanwhile, traditional art on walls will be supplanted in many homes by furniture and accessories that are works of art in themselves, says the eporta.com/WGSN survey. It predicts that instead of something in a frame, our imaginations will be fired by textiles, upholstery and wallpaper with visually intriguing, abstract, painterly patterns.

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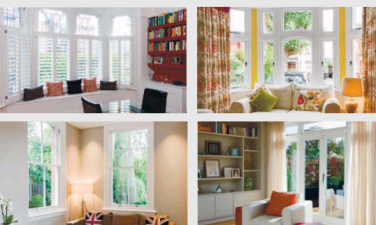
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