

Warm tones will help your

home blossom beautifully

LOOK WHAT'S TALKING

CHATTY BITS & PIECES



Slogan mug, £7, Sanctuary in the Bail, Lincoln



Ben De Lisi adventure cushion, £15, Debenhams



Ashley Thomas cake tins set of two, £20, Debenhams



Sweet Salutations Travel Mug, £18, by Mollie Hatch for www.anthropologie.com

Floral patterns give an early nod to spring, while shades of plum and pink keep homes cosy...



Clockwise from top left, Ted Baker shadow floral rug, £995, John Lewis; Century 24-piece cutlery set, £180, Living by Christiane at House of Fraser; ornate leaf bowl, £25, M&S; berry bubble jug, £18, John Lewis; Jaipur dinner plate, £4, M&S; Amazon flower cushion, £25, House of Fraser



Crowther & Sons Edwardian drop arm sofa upholstered in William Morris Acanthus Tapestry, £87pm at www.crowtherandsons.com



Herve cluster pendant light, £180, BHS



With and Watchman Amazonia light wallpaper, £240 10m roll, www.rocketstgeorge.co.uk; Linea ceremony dining set, from £8, House of Fraser; branch candle holder, £14, www.rocketstgeorge.co.uk

SOPHIE WINS GOLD

Lincolnshire's Sophie Peckett, managing director of interior design studio Sophie Peckett Design, has won Best Interior Design for a Private Residence in the East Midlands at the prestigious UK Property Awards in London.

Sophie received the award for the studio's work to transform the interior of a grade two listed manor house near Tealby, Lincolnshire. The very best developments, architecture and interior design from across the entire United Kingdom were celebrated at the awards ceremony. Judging was carried out through a meticulous process involving a panel of over 60 experts covering every aspect of the property business.

"We are absolutely thrilled to have won this fantastic award from such a prestigious panel of judges," comments Sophie. "We work on many outstanding projects each year both in the UK and abroad and we are delighted that the creativity and talent of the entire team have been recognised."

The winning project featured bespoke design, antiques and luxury materials with a bold colour palette and included hall, drawing room, family room, kitchen, study, bedrooms and bathrooms.



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We all tend to start the new year by making resolutions we really intend to keep, but rarely do.

I would suggest one resolution to adopt could be to get your home and interiors organised so that everything is in the perfect place, both from an aesthetic and practical point of view.

Having a well-organised home seems to result in a very tranquil one, a perfect antidote to the stress of Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations.

It may be hard to see how well

storage affects us, yet a lack of clutter combined with order behind cupboard doors goes a long way towards encouraging relaxed living.

If you know where to find key items and, as a result, where to squirrel them away, the home runs on well-oiled wheels.

Great storage is the key to a good looking streamlined home, whether you are a minimalist or looking for simple elegance.

Once classic free-standing pieces and occasional built-in shelves were the norm, but now storage must be capacious and discreet to achieve the clean spaces we favour today.

Built-in bookshelves and cupboards can conceal everything you need to

keep without having it all on show and nothing offers a total solution like having bespoke bookcases or storage units made to your specifications.

If this is not an option, look at where you need extra storage and choose well-made pieces, ready to self-assemble, and simplify your working spaces by finding smart containers to line up on shelves or on top of cupboards.

Happy organised 2016!

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