



Studio Blue Cobalt Brew Cafetiere | £80

Denby has taken the plunge - with aplomb. denbypottery.com



Coastal Reed 30cm shade | £12

A hand-drawn design that's cool, calm and covetable. argos.co.uk



Linen Ombre maxi dress | £75

So easy to wear (and wear again), this has side splits, too. hush-uk.co.uk



Hannelin throw | £120

A tactile treat in pure linen. ariashop.co.uk



Vintage Elm Stool | £155

Just right for rustic kitchens - each is a little different. oggetto.com

Things to want and wish for

Embrace fresh finds for you, your home and garden. Chosen by LOUISE GORROD



Rope door stopper | £10

Made from jute, with a nautical feel. homebase.co.uk

Denim hammock | £179

There's even a pocket on the side for your book, magazine and sunglasses. Reading nook sorted... nordichouse.co.uk





Column Junit Lamp by Schneid |
£195 Pendant beauty without
 a shade. thegiftedfew.com



Drip Reactive vase | £25
 Gorgeous glaze, but not watertight,
 so team with artificial blooms.
marksandspencer.com



Tomi cross back bikini | £135
 There's a sweet retro Riviera feel to this lovely
 two-piece. toa.st/uk/



Bali coffee table | £125
 Jute woven into an
 eye-catching
 herringbone design.
wagreen.co.uk



Shangies Danish sandals | £38
 Cotton-strap slides far too fetching not to
 venture out in. lifestoryshop.com



Uma recycled glass
carafe | £29.99;
tumbler | £8.95
 Encased in cane, this pair
 would look pretty beside
 your bed. thegiftedfew.com

Big waffle towel and large throw blanket by The Organic Company | £65

Is it a blanket? Is it a towel? It's either! Made from super-soft organic cotton. chalkandmoss.com



Maker of the month

Leather accessories to covet from design duo Campbell Cole

A handmade accessory is an everyday pleasure – especially if it's one of Ian and Felicity Campbell Cole's designs.

Made from Italian leather with pleasing details, their collection of accessories includes belts, bags and pouches, plus cardholders and key wraps (both pictured, from £32). Full marks for resourcefulness, too, with key fobs, for example, made from offcuts. This month sees 'Rebel' buys, which are slight seconds (we say uniquely imperfect), up for grabs.

campbellcole.co.uk

Happy mending

Clothes repairs helpfully tackled in Mend & Patch by Kerstin Neumüller

A patch of sunshine, a deckchair and a pile of mending make for a restorative summer's day. Kerstin Neumüller's handbook is a brilliantly practical guide to repairing clothes and textiles. First, assess the damage – there are many types of holes – from rips, to tears, and fraying seams, and many ways of making them

whole again from beautiful blanket-stitch darning, to neatly patching elbows on a shirt you can't bear to part with. There are deft solutions for distressed denims, neat ways with knitwear and canny solutions for reinforcing wrecked cottons. The methods are simple, but the results are stunning. (*Pavilion*)





Shop of the month

Discover vintage woven wonders online at Straw London

Emily Attrill's online shop of vintage straw and macramé bags and baskets are sourced from around the world, many of them found on her travels working as a freelance fashion stylist. Before being put up for sale, every bag is labelled with its name and the location in which it was found. Until the end of July, Straw London has a pop-up shop on Wilton Way, London E2 (open Thursday to Sunday), where Emily has expanded her wares to include ceramics, glassware, jewellery and candles.
strawlondon.co.uk



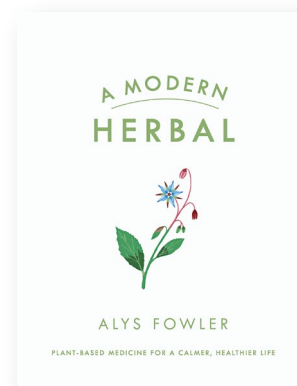
Ginkgo wallpaper in Blue | £79 per 10m roll
Feathery loveliness – also comes in pale green.
sandbergwallpaper.com

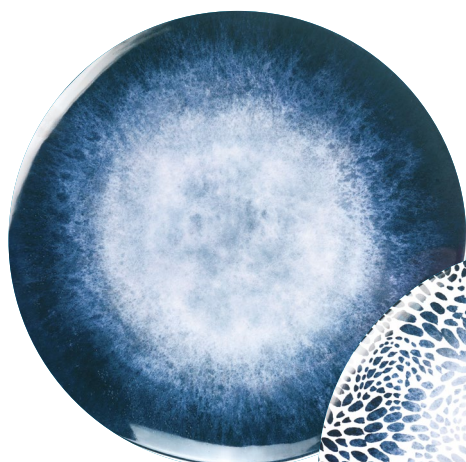
Thyme's a great healer...

Alys Fowler explores remedies from the herb patch in A Modern Herbal

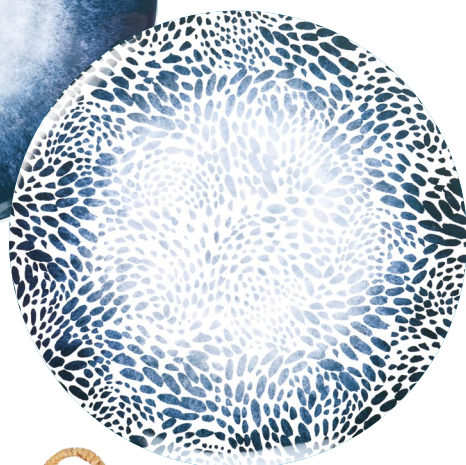
Gardener and writer Alys Fowler has turned to “time-old traditions” to boost wellbeing. She reaches for a liquorice and mint tea when she’s in the throes of a hangover, she treats cuts with bugle, “the carpenter’s plant”, as it promotes healing. And, at the end of a busy day, she eschews bath bombs for a soak in water scented with lemon balm leaves

and rose petals. Alys traces the history of herbalism and provides a handy alphabet of useful plants, how to grow them and what they’re good for – including sweet violets to cure coughs, thyme to banish moths and yarrow which has antiseptic properties and can help stem bleeding.
(Michael Joseph)





Coastline side plates | £3 each
 ↗ Up the ante at picnics with these smart melamine designs. sainsburyshome.co.uk

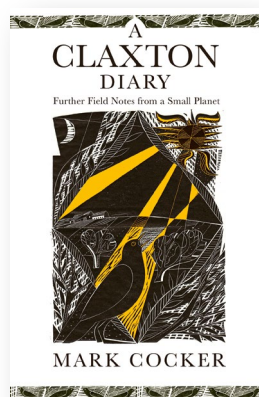


Garden Herbs Blue print | £34
 ↘ Would look great framed in pride of place on a kitchen wall. thefinestore.com



Omi open knot weave baskets | £85 for two
 ↗ Woven from water hyacinth, these stack inside each other when not in use. habitat.co.uk

Whitby Enamelware butter dish | £23
 ↘ Spread a little seaside happiness every time you have toast. minimoderns.com



Up close and pastoral

A Claxton Diary by Mark Cocker paints seasonal pictures of nature in Norfolk

Mark Cocker has lived in Claxton in Norfolk for the past 18 years and his second book – subtitled *Further Field Notes from a Small Planet* – is the result of his careful observations of the countryside around him. Covering a single year, his aim is “to bring to the fore an unfolding scene of seasonal change”. In July there are insects

aplenty. A bramble bush is a larder for marmalade hoverflies, red admiral butterflies and the rare red-tipped clearwing moth. A lawn wild with marjoram, hogweed and sneezewort is alive with glittering pollen beetles, grasshoppers and purple moths, while the quiet of dusk hosts the hawkhead moth. Wonderful. (*Jonathan Cape*)