



Milton vase | £12

↳ Rustically pretty and beautifully robust.
nationaltrust.org.uk



4-piece kitchen set | £22.99

↳ Made from acacia wood, these protect pans from scratches. Comprises slotted spoon, solid spoon, slotted turner and solid turner.
very.co.uk



Things to want and wish for

*Loving your home, inside and out.
Books and treats for you to enjoy.
Chosen by Louise Gorrod*

Veroinen Juhannus dress | £225

↳ This floral A-line dress is made of cotton voile in the Finnish brand's Juhannus (Midsummer) pattern. marimekko.com

Crossbody bag | £38

↳ Woven by artisans in Morocco in natural rattan and finished with soft, recycled leather. Adds a touch of French style to your day.
vonderliving.com



Halo Grey Speckle

12-Piece dinner set by Denby | £152

↳ Unique design with two tones of glaze for a striking finish.
jdwilliams.co.uk



Poppy floor oil lamp | £173;

Poppy table oil lamp | £131

A field of tall poppies inspired this series of outdoor oil lamps.
nyde.co.uk





Glass candle holder | £10

For warm evenings outside and chilly evenings inside.
sainsburyshome.co.uk

Metsikko tea towels | £14 each

Made by a family-run Finnish jacquard linen- and wool-weaving mill, these will jolly up drying-up time.
lapuankankurit.fi



Curved back dining chair | £145

With a sleek silhouette and fluted velvet detailing, this is a chic seat indeed.
rockettstgeorge.co.uk



Stem vases | £30 each

Handmade by craftspeople and blooming lovely in a group.
rowanandwren.co.uk



Valerie jug | £35

Stoneware pitcher for water, flowers or just because.
oliverbonas.com

Round Hogla floor seat | £140; Antique brass tray | £65; Theo French press coffee maker | £70; Stoneware mug | £23;

Four lovely items that simply beg to be touched. And demnad some great coffee to go with them, too. oggetto.com



Maker of the month

Brickett Davda makes beautiful and very British ceramics

Based in an old factory, a pebble's throw from Brighton, ceramicist Jo Davda and her team produce a range of simple handmade tableware including plates, bowls and mugs as well as generous serving bowls and platters. It's all handmade with English clay from Stoke-on-Trent. A calm and serene colour palette ranges from olive, pumice and slate through to heather, turquoise and milk white.

Each of the colourways makes a stylish backdrop for any food.

brickettdavda.com

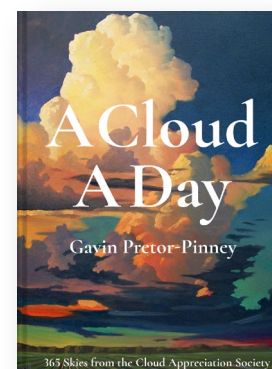
Cloud-gazing for grown-ups

Gavin Pretor-Pinney explains why it's good to look up, up, up

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"Having your head in the clouds, even for a few moments each day, is good for your mind, good for body and good for your soul" says Gavin Pretor-Pinney who is the founder of the Cloud Appreciation Society. The aimless pleasure of gazing skyward frees the imagination, lightens the heart, and is a chance for moments of

meditation in the hurly burly bustle of the day. There are pictures of clouds for every day of the year, from the wispy loveliness of cirrus clouds to the thunderous gloom of a shower cloud, and they are each accompanied by quotes from poems, plays and novels, all of which celebrate the celestial. (*Batsford*)





Shop of the month

Considered living at Reste in Hastings Old Town

East Sussex-based Reste specialises in artisanal and handcrafted household products and accessories.

Disillusioned with modern consumerism and our emerging throwaway society, owner Jacqui Martin is drawn to functional, well designed homewares, made using traditional methods and materials.

Handcrafted ceramics, vintage stoneware marmalade pots for storing pens, handmade utility brushes from Sweden and super-soft throws can be found amongst the shelves.

reste.com



Cotton Velvet cushions | £25 each
Scatter, stroke and elegantly slump as you wish among these pastel cushions.
nisisliving.co.uk

Food and fun from faraway places

Recipes, music and cocktails by Cerys Matthews in *Where the Wild Cooks Go*

There is something festive on every page of this fabulous book. Musician Cerys Matthews has travelled the world for work, sampling dishes, collecting songs and bringing recipes home to cook in her kitchen. Describing herself as a 'culinary explorer', her food is easy on the pocket and the planet – high on plants, low on

meat and with minimal packaging. She's included playlists, folklore and poems from every country, with recipes for sun-warmed pineapple with hot ground chilli and salt, green lentil with preserved lemon, and thousand-hole pancake served with melted butter, orange blossom water and honey. Delicious. (*Particular Books*)





Ripple long-drink glasses
| £49 for a set of 4

Smoked long-drink glasses that promise a good evening ahead as they are pressed into your hand.
fermliving.com



Clockhouse desk tray | £180

Take your work outside or anywhere with this stylish and portable desk crafted with an oak top and painted beech legs in carbon grey.
gardentrading.co.uk

Nemoli hand-printed bed sheet | £39

A beautiful cotton sheet for Indian Summer nights.
iansnow.com



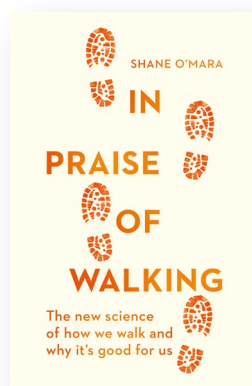
Oven gloves | £15

For mindful cooks and careful diners.
theschooloflife.com/shop/



Watering can | £55

Glazed stoneware handsome enough for Mr McGregor himself.
claejosieswift.com



Best foot forward

Why you should get your shoes on: In Praise of Walking by Shane O'Mara

Following extensive study on the brain and the nervous system, Shane O'Mara, Professor of Experimental Brain Research at Trinity College Dublin, has become a staunch advocate of the values of a good, brisk stroll. "Walking" he says, "is associated with improved creativity, improved mood and the general sharpening of our thinking",

and it provides an antidote to the many miseries that can accumulate because of our modern, sedentary lifestyles. Drawing on science, O'Mara explains how we slowly evolved from sea-dwelling animals into our land-striding selves, firing the vitally important neurons in our brain with every step we take. (Bodley Head)