

Winter warmer

A kitchen warmed by a wood burning stove is a welcome sight after a bracing walk or perhaps an afternoon digging vegetables in the garden to make a comforting stew. This charming country kitchen with chunky worktops is perfect for rustling up hearty suppers to warm up weary walkers.

Steamer Bay kitchen range, from £4,000 cabinetry only, John Lewis of Hungerford

HOME Comforts

Create a cosy, calm and comfortable retreat full of homely touches, plush textures and decorative patterns with some beautiful new purchases

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Create a stir

Indulge in a treat of the season with some homemade cakes, pastry and puddings. These bowls with measures marked inside and handy pouring spouts make baking as easy as pie.

Essential Cook's bowls, large in duck egg, £16; extra large in white, £24; One Big Mix Up pudding bowl with wooden spoon, £29; Jersey Utensil Pot with five utensils, £20; Sweet as Pie stencil kit, £10, all Jme

Made to measure

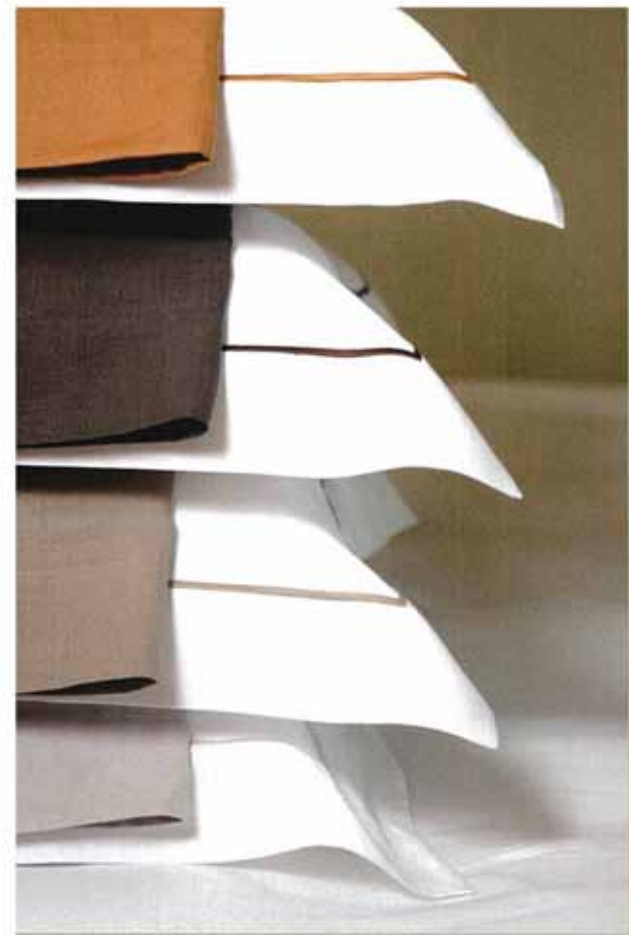
Add some texture, pattern and colour, as well as a little more warmth underfoot with a stylish rug. These hand finished rugs are 100 per cent wool and made to order in your required size.

Chatham Multi rug, as shown, 2.8x1.8m, £935. Fabric from £98.50 a metre, Roger Coates

Aged to perfection

No need to scour antique shops for beautiful lighting, this vintage effect finish adds a desirable patina to a classic rise and fall light. Aged Zinc Rise & Fall light, £320, The French House





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Sleep in comfort

Pure linen bedding is more durable than cotton and better for a restful night's sleep since it has a delightful softness and remains cool, dry and fresh. It is also great for allergy sufferers.

Bridgewater flat sheets from £108, Pillowcases from £39, Libeco Home

Retro remix

Strike a 50s vibe with a bold blend of retro prints and accessories. Soften the look by pairing these new handprinted fabrics with some more traditional furniture.

Chair in Agnes, Khol, £76.99; curtains in Cloud Bay, Burnt Orange, £89.58, both a metre; wallpaper in Cloud Bay, Dune, £67.83 a roll, all Rapture and Wright



Elegant heating

Radiators can be so unsightly but these fully restored original cast iron ones are a refined choice that can be plumbed into modern heating systems.

Ornate Princess radiator shown. Fully restored radiators, from £340, The Old Radiator Company

Rustic refinement

These soft russet checks and oak leaf motifs have a rustic appeal, but are made rather graceful with braiding details and English crewel style embroidery.

Chairs in Marlton Check, tomato/sand, £65; Arlington narrow braid, beige, £12; cushions in Dryden Linen, beige and red, both £95, all a metre, Colefax and Fowler





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The colour purple

An opulent scheme of deep colours, decorative pattern and plush velvet textures creates a sophisticated, regal feel that is rich and inviting for winter.

Wallpaper, Long Gallery, £110 a roll; foot stool in Glyndebourne, £90; cushions in Queen Mary's Silk, £123; Glyndebourne, £90; Venice £110; Targi, £88, all a metro, Zoffany

China in your hand

Famous for its blue and white china, Burlleigh has created this plum design exclusively for Ralph Lauren. Using a 200-year-old technique of transfer printing, the pattern is hand-transferred from printed tissue paper before firing.

Pomegranate China in Plum, jug, £195, bowl, £195, both Ralph Lauren Home.

A stitch in time

These fun pompom edged cushions have a quirky, modern feel but the hand embroidery gives them a classic antique quality.

Front to back, Dara cushion cover, £55, pad £10; Concentric cushion cover, £50, pad £8.50; Optical cushion cover, £45, pad £10, all Niki Jones

