

Details

Everything you need to go from first to final fix



The choice is yours

The Natural Curtain Company has just launched 250 new fabrics; it now has a portfolio of more than 500 designs that you can have made into curtains, blinds, cushions and bedspreads. All of its materials are made in the UK, and are, where possible, 100 per cent natural (sometimes a teeny amount of synthetic fibre is used to reduce fraying). Free samples are available to order online; prices start from £14 per m for a cotton design. Plus, you can now take your own fabric to store if you want the team to whip you up a bespoke piece. (0845 500 100; naturalcurtaincompany.co.uk)

Colourful past

Crown has launched a paint range called Vintage, inspired by five decades of British style. The collection has been put together by lovers of all things retro Wayne and Gerardine Hemingway (who recently launched the Vintage Festival), and reflects iconic themes from the Forties to the Eighties. There are 30 matt emulsions to choose from, all with ultra-cute names, including Bell Bottoms and Free Love. Pictured is Mean Mustard. £22.99 per 2.5L, from Homebase (0845 077 8888; homebase.co.uk).



IN THE KNOW

Glazing specialist IQ Glass (01923 831 895; iqglass.co.uk) has launched a free iPhone app that allows clients, architects and contractors to get instant quotes for their projects. It works with its Minimal Windows system, a contemporary range that features ultra-fine frames and enormous panels. Simply enter the number of panes and sliding panels you need, plus the dimensions of the openings you want, to receive your quote.

Stairway from heaven

Here's how to make an entrance. The handiwork of staircase specialist Bisca (01439 771 702; bisca.co.uk), this elegant contemporary feature was commissioned by London architect Hackett Holland (020 7467 0450; hackettholland.co.uk) for a period home in London and shows the impact that a well-crafted and designed staircase has on a hallway. It's crucial to find materials and a shape that will work for your space – this one's hand-forged steel and oak – and Bisca's design team will work with you or your architect to design a bespoke piece. Prices start from £20,000.



Making life easier

No one has enough time on their hands to turn their noses up at low-maintenance materials. For the look of timber flooring without the upkeep, try Nicholls & Clarke's new porcelain wall and floor tiles. Its Origini range has a natural wood finish produced using an inkjet printing process, comes in a similar format to timber planks, and two sizes (L120xW15cm and L120xW20cm). Available in a range of natural tones; pictured is Miele. £68.99 per sqm. (0845 605 1345; ncdirect.co.uk)

