

Design notebook by David Nicholls

Outward bound If its new homeware range is anything to go by, it would seem that Marks & Spencer is encouraging a greater sense of adventure in the bedroom. Here, bedlinen is printed with overlapping compass motifs, while cushions feature imagery ranging from maps and exotic birds and blooms to scenes of the African plains. Ascari bed, £1,299; Shaded Leaf ceiling light, £99; Compass bed set, from £25; Map Print cushion, £19.50; Curiosities Bird cushion, £29.50; Safari Print cushion, £19.50; Time Travel Balloons mug, £6; magnets, £9.50 for six (0845-302 1234; marksandspencer.com).



Satin chic Aiveen Daly tends to 'dress' rather than upholster her fashion-influenced furniture designs. Fabric is sculpted, stitched, pleated, ruched and tied around the elegant shapes. Shown here is Olympus, which has been dressed in satin. £2,920 (aiveendaly.com).

Stack option The higgledy-piggledy arrangement of the four solid birch drawers adds character and charm to this chest by the Danish firm House Doctor DK. It costs £590, from Bodie & Fou (bodieandfou.com).



Dish of the day This pretty tableware range is by Polka design for the Hungarian porcelain company Herend. Its restrained hand-painted detailing shows a pleasingly modern approach for a company that is no stranger to lavishly decorated tureens and bijoux bonbonnières. From £42.80 for a small fruit bowl, from Thomas Goode (thomasgoode.com).

Five of the best Copper pendant lights

1 Industry pendant light, £80, Habitat (habitat.co.uk). **2** Copper shade, £350, Tom Dixon (tomdixon.net). **3** Lindvall w124, £485, Jonas Lindvall for Westberg at Twentytwentyone (twentytwentyone.com). **4** Rex Cage pendant, £60, BHS (bhs.co.uk). **5** Stanley hammered copper light, £415, Original BTC at Heal's (heals.co.uk).

