

# PERIOD LIVING

TRADITIONAL HOMES, INTERIORS, GARDENS, ANTIQUES & RENOVATION

HOMES RESTORED  
WITH LOVE

From a Georgian  
Cotswolds cottage  
to an Edwardian

STUNNING  
BEDROOMS  
French opulence  
and country style

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- Benches and Settles
- Bathroom Storage

BLUE  
HEAVEN  
A hidden garden  
in a Dorset  
valley

*Light  
& Shade*  
COLOUR SCHEMES  
IN SOFT NEUTRALS

*Salvage Chic*  
Give your home instant character

**RENOVATING KNOW-HOW:** DEALING WITH RISING DAMP  
• REVAMPING A CORNER CUPBOARD • REPLACING OLD ELECTRICS



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# Going green

*We have natural flooring (good for your home and your health), candles using vintage crockery and handmade cushions inspired by nature*

BY REBECCA FISHENDEN



## DREAM WEAVERS

Homes can become filled with chemicals that may cause health problems, so using natural products as much as you can may encourage well-being. Alternative Flooring, known for using natural and sustainable resources, has launched a new Nature and Nurture collection. All the carpets are hand-woven using traditional looms and have bases of cotton and jute. Prices are from £47.50 per sq m (01264 335111; [alternativeflooring.com](http://alternativeflooring.com)).

## CUP AND CANDLE

*Using soy candle wax, The Dizzy Flea sources vintage china to make its delightful candles.*

*The handmade range is constantly updated and they can always look out for any specific requests. To see more of the collection, visit [thedizzyflea.co.uk](http://thedizzyflea.co.uk) or call 07772 304115.*



## Flying off the shelves

Long summer walks in the English countryside is the idea behind Besselink & Jones' new Dorset Hedgerow lighting collection. All the bases are hand-painted and this one is decorated with delicate butterflies. They will be donating profits from the range to Butterfly Conservation, which saves butterflies, moths and their habitats ([butterfly-conservation.org](http://butterfly-conservation.org)). For information and prices visit [besselink.com](http://besselink.com) or call 020 7584 0343.



## SCREEN STARS

Inspired by birdsong, song lyrics and old typography, Random Retail is a small textile studio based on the Isle of Wight designing and making hand-pulled screen-printed cushions. Using calico and linens, the original cushions sell for £30 each and can be mixed and matched. Visit them online at [random-retail.co.uk](http://random-retail.co.uk) to see more of their range.



## Doing my bit... We talk to Emily Readett-Bayley from POSH

'Together with my sister Lucy we have been working directly with village co-operatives on the island of Bali since 1990, designing items that are made from sustainable and natural materials. Our decorations and POSH Graffiti letters are made from fast growing, nitrogen fixing albizia wood which is light and easy to transport. We are joining a pilot study to get our co-operatives FSC-certified. Our teak is reclaimed from old bridges and faux driftwood furniture is made from old coffee trees. I am currently researching sustainable timber resources and a pilot forest management project with the Rainforest Alliance Smartwood programme.

'By using the excellent skills available we are able to turn simple pieces of wood into beautiful handcrafted objects with a high

value and at the same time preserve traditional skills for future generations.

'In 2008 I moved to live in Bali with my children who attend The Green School on the island. It grows its own food and to generate its own power from the sun. I knew that my twin boys had to go to school. [familyreadettbayley.com](http://familyreadettbayley.com); [greenchoice.co.uk](http://greenchoice.co.uk)

