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MILANESE MODERNISM REBOOTED
Dynamic design duo remake their period pad

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What's in the air this month, edited by Nathalie Wilson



1 Like 17th-century vanitas paintings, Dutch designer Lotte van Laatum's 'Life's a Bubble' collection refers to the ephemeral nature of existence and urges us to celebrate it while we can. The six products, which include a sand timer and oil lamp, are handblown to order from borosilicate glass, making each unique. From £35.25 approx for a water glass. Ring 00 31 6 4119 5870, or visit lottevanlaatum.nl.



2 It's all Greek to Themis Zouganeli: the founder of Themis Z works with her home country's makers, materials and motifs to create contemporary products. The decoration on the interior designer's ten-piece porcelain 'Kyklos' (or circle) tableware collection is decorated with a concentric motif symbolising completion. From £31 for an espresso cup. Ring 00 30 210 725 0442, or visit themisz.com.

3 Susan Deliss didn't resort to the time-worn tea-dyeing trick when recreating the aged look of the antique Turkish embroidered linen that inspired her hand-stitched 12cm-deep 'Tarsus' (top) and 'Antalya' braids. She commissioned the ideal handwoven wild-silk base-cloth instead. Available in peach/olive, red/indigo or bespoke colourways from £120 per m. Ring 07768 805850, or visit susandeliss.com.



4 Branches of learning: a bird or two on Anthropologie's brass-and-glass 'Arboretum' bookshelf (£1,498) is worth any number you might encounter in the bush. Ring 00800 0026 8476, or visit anthropologie.com.

5 Put your feet up in style on Graham & Green's sumptuous velvet footstool (£215), complete with decorative studs. It's the latest in a long line of X-frame furniture that extends right back to Medieval Italy. Ring 01225 418200, or visit grahamandgreen.co.uk.



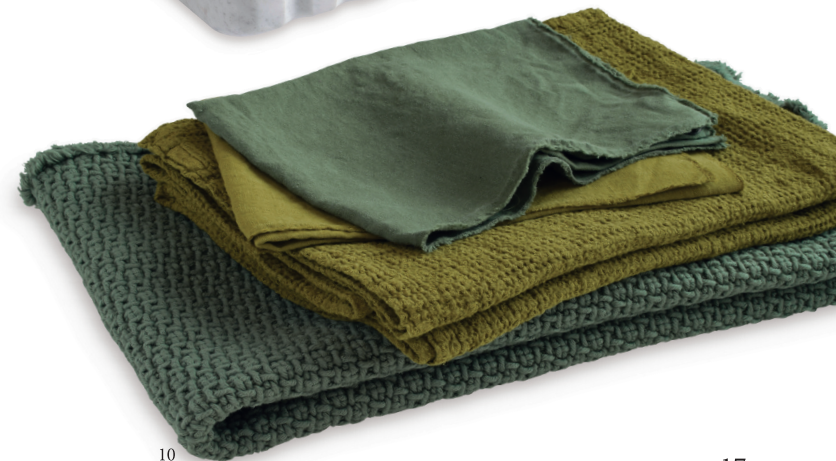
6 Insect and snake studies, mythology, heavenly bodies and the Paris apartment writer Gertrude Stein shared with Alice B. Toklas – all these themes were the 'fodder' for architectural practice Charlap Hyman & Herrero's first collaboration with Schumacher. The collection consists of three fabrics and seven wallpapers. Three of the latter are shown, clockwise from left: 'Mercurio' (three colourways; \$299 per 5.5yd roll), 'Glove' (three colourways; \$873 per 8yd roll) and 'Diana' (\$873 per 8yd roll). Ring 001 800 523 1200, or visit fshumacher.com.

7 'Every room should sing!' That's the philosophy of interior designer Beata Heuman, a protégée of the renowned Nicky Haslam. And sing they undoubtedly do if furnished with her creations – particularly this handmade painted-brass-and-frosted-glass 'Dodo Egg' pendant, which could find its way to your nest for £1,140. Ring 020 8741 0102, or visit beataheuman.com.

8 Matilda Goad's 'Rainbow' cutlery has treasure at its end: a table dressing that will delight diners. Available in 'hot' (pink, red, burgundy and yellow) and 'cool' (blue, navy, green and cream) combinations; £130 for four place settings. Visit matildagoad.com.

9 The 'Milano' (top) and 'Tuscan' sinks make a weighty addition to Devol's repertoire – both are machined from blocks of marble, Arabescato and Carrara respectively, and can be yours in one of two sizes, from £2,450. Ring 01509 261000, or visit devolkitchens.co.uk.

10 Envy of Society Limonta's bath and table linens might well turn you a shade of green featured in the company's current collection (from £25 for a 50 x 50cm napkin). The antidote is a shopping trip to the Italian brand's first stand-alone shop in Chelsea. Ring 020 3144 0000, or visit societylimonta.com. ▷



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1 Metal being Jorge Almada and Anne-Marie Midy's thing, the iron-mining history of Serifos resonated with the pair. They gave the name of the Greek island to their collection, which includes a wrought-iron, glass and saddle-leather cabinet (from \$4,250) and a wrought-iron day-bed with intentionally oversized bolsters that can be painted and upholstered in any colour and fabric (from \$2,800). Ring Casa Midy on 00 52 41 5152 0403, or visit casamidy.com.

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2 Pelle Design's LED 'Beam' and 'Glow' series have simple hand-stained or anodised-aluminium structures and coloured resin lenses that emit various hues, making them more of an immersive lighting experience than functional fittings. But then, the studio is all about 'combining art and engineering'; available in three lengths from \$1,999. Ring 001 212 645 2602, or visit pelledesigns.com.



3 Like the château from which it takes its name, Nina Campbell's 'Fontainebleau' basket-weave wool is worthy of attention. It's launching this autumn in four colourways for £105 per m. Ring Osborne & Little on 020 8812 3123, or visit osborneandlittle.com.



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4 Present and Correct's magpie eye for aesthetic stationery spied these wooden-handled alphabet rubber stamps glistening jewel-like amid the mundane office wares manufactured by Malaysian manufacturer Yosogo. They're available in three font sizes, and start from £9.50 for a 5mm set. Ring 020 7279 2460, or visit presentandcorrect.com.



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5 Small they may be, but certain fragments of late 18th- and early 19th-century embroideries housed in the Museum of International Folk Art, New Mexico, made a big impression on rug designer Jan Kath. They were key inspirations for his seven hand-knotted 'Common Thread' rugs, of which 'Volante 2' (£2,220 per sq m) is shown. Ring Front on 020 7495 0740, or visit frontrugs.com ■