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A CELEBRATION  
OF LONDON'S  
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DESIGN SCENE

At home with  
the CAPITAL's  
next gen creatives

*The SECRET  
interiors SHOPS  
you NEED to visit*

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# The little BLACK BOOK of INTERIORS

From elegantly restored fittings to bespoke fabric creations, our city is a treasure trove of specialist shops. Let *Joanna Taylor* be your guide

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## BOOKS



**Claire De Rouen**  
([shop.clairederouenbooks.com](http://shop.clairederouenbooks.com))  
First opened above a Soho sex shop, the now online Claire De Rouen is famed for its array of thoughtfully curated books on photography, fashion and design. Refresh regularly for signed finds that sell out in minutes.

**Idea Books**  
([ideanow.online](http://ideanow.online))  
For a trip to coffee-table book heaven, browse online or stroll down to Dover Street Market. Purveyor of what it calls the 'super book', look to Idea for rare second-hand tomes you won't find anywhere else.

## ANTIQUES

**Retrouvius**, Harrow Rd, NW10  
Drop in to design consultancy and dealer Retrouvius for everything from time-worn floorboards to well-loved door knobs — and handy advice on where they'll be best placed, too.



**London Timepiece Fair**, Thames-Side Studios, SE18  
Specialist in pre-loved clocks from Britain and the Continent, here lucky lookers will find an array of dainty hands and bold, brash faces that promise to make prospective buyers tick.



**Lassco**, Maltby St, SE1  
Stocking everything from botanical etchings by Louis XVI-style fireplaces,

you can pick up a bargain or remortgage your home on any given trip to Lassco's cave of wonders.

**Puckhaber**, Lillie Rd, SW6  
Owned by a mother-and-son duo, check out Puckhaber Decorative Antiques for French and Swedish design, interesting unmarked artworks and perfectly aged ornate mirrors.

**Decorative Antiques & Textiles Fair**, Battersea Park, SW11  
Keep an eye out for its next Covid-safe fair and book in for an 'expert shopping service' (£65 per hour), where a clever soul will pluck out the very best bits while you sit back and relax.

**Two Columbia Road**, Columbia Rd, E2  
Been spying that side table at Shoreditch House? It's probably from here. Visit often for an ever-changing array of pristine classics by the likes of Hans Wegner and photographs by Wolfgang Tillmans.



**Sigmar**, King's Rd, SW3  
Purveyor of all things modernist and Central European, pop in for cracking handles, hooks and storage solutions.



If stuck for a gift, it stocks great corkscrews, too.  
**50/60/70**, (506070.co.uk)  
If you thought you only needed the one sofa, think again; this vast array of beautiful sculptural seating will



put five more at the top of your shopping list.

**Rype Office**, Space Business Park, NW10  
Whether you're WFH or back in an eerily quiet office, make chic, sustainable office furniture the new norm with a little help from Rype Office, which refurbishes pieces by Charles Eames among others and passes them on for a fraction of the cost.

**8 Holland Street**, Holland St, W8  
Navigate the realm of European design with ease thanks to Tobias Vernon, who expertly selects pieces for their unique personality and art-like appeal.



**Mint**, North Terrace, SW3  
From volcanic rock shelving to cast-resin benches, Lina Kanafani's eclectic selection of limited-edition and one-off creations is a celebration of distinctive designers from around the globe.

## FURNITURE

**The New Craftsmen**, North Row, W1  
Toeing the line between contemporary and classic is often a tricky business, so head to The New Craftsmen for modern, British-made pieces that feel like treasured family heirlooms.

**SCP**, Pimlico Rd, SW1  
Licensed manufacturer and retailer of some of the world's most revered design classics, SCP's commitment to quality and longevity will have you ditching stocks and investing in furniture in no time.

**Another Country**, Cravford St, W1  
Modern master of sustainable wooden essentials, it melds Shaker, Scandi and Japanese styles to create clean and inconspicuous designs made for living.



**Dodds & Shute**, Tintagel House, SE1  
Seeking sustainability but would rather not do the research? Pay Dodds & Shute a visit for access to its little black sourcing book, eco-conscious pieces and a bespoke design service.

**Pinch**, Ebury St, SW1  
Created for those seeking 'quiet' design, Pinch's selection of pared-back, detail-oriented furnishings elegantly slots into everyday life without so much as a whisper.

**Soane**, Pimlico Rd, SW1  
If you're not afraid of a dash of the unusual, visit this emporium for joyful designs that are lovingly made by craftsmen from across the country.

**Goldfinger Factory**, Trellick Square, W10  
Zhuzh up your home and your social conscience with a trip to Goldfinger Factory, where makers upcycle furniture and sell it on to fund jobs, apprenticeships and workshops for local residents facing financial hardship.



## LIGHTING

**Skinflint**, The Old Cinema, W4  
If you're looking to switch things up, grab a lovingly restored light source from Skinflint, specialist in jazzy, industrial-style original lighting made from 1920 to 1980.

**Anglepoise**, Heals, Tottenham Court Rd, W1  
You may have seen one hopping along as the Pixar logo or clamped to an architect's desk, but it's worth taking a look at Anglepoise's wider collections for practical yet playful lighting that never goes out of style.

## STATIONERY

**Choosing Keeping**, Tower St, WC2  
Home to decorative paper, pens and desk-side curiosities aplenty, you're going to need to get yourself a pen pal, pronto.

**Mount Street Printers**, W1  
For American Psycho levels of quality in business cards, invitations and stationery, schedule an appointment with Mount Street Printers where they'll listen to your every need with patience and grace.

## RUGS

**Roger Oates**, Munro Terrace, SW10  
For practical rugs with a burst of colour look to these Yorkshire-woven carpets, whose stripes have become synonymous with British design.



**Rush Matters** ([rushmatters.co.uk](http://rushmatters.co.uk))  
If you can get on the waiting list, enlist Felicity Irons and her top team of rush weavers to make timeless floor matting for your every nook and cranny.



## FABRIC

**Cloth House**, Berwick St, W1  
The best of Berwick Street's outlets, expect to lose yourself in this serene textile haven. Chock-a-block with natural fabrics, you'll be desperate to drape your home — and self — in its cottons, wools and linens.



**Ian Mankin**, Wandsworth Bridge Rd, SW6  
Opened in 1983 by Mankin (who dressed the Beatles for their Revolver album cover, FYI), this maker of intricate organic fabrics is an industry go-to for something out of the ordinary.

## HOMEWARE

**Labour and Wait**, Redchurch St, E2  
For timeless, utilitarian household goods that put your B&Q bog-brush to shame, pick up your essentials at Labour and Wait, where colour is optional but quality is essential.



## PAINT

**Graphenstone**, High Rd, Buckhurst Hill, Essex  
It's worth a trip out to Essex to get chatting to the folks at Graphenstone, where natty natural paints are designed to be climate kind by absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.

**Papers and Paints**, Park Walk, SW1  
From Goblin Grey to Tiger Moth Black, it's near impossible to find a colour Patrick Baty's team can't conjure. With exceptional knowledge of historical paints, you'll leave a little more enlightened and a lot more inspired.

**Present & Correct**, Arlington Way, EC1  
Remember the joy of showing off a new pencil case on the first day of school? Relive that feeling and load up on vintage stationery foraged from around the world.

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