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MEET OUR FAVOURITE DESIGNER MAKER

Harriet Caslin

Harriet designs and creates handmade porcelain lighting and tableware.

Where is your studio? In an old boat house on Mersea Island off the Essex coast. It's a stone's throw from the beaches and oyster beds and when the doors are open on a windy day, I can hear the clinking against the masts in the boatyard.

What led you into design?

My childhood was spent creating and making. When I discovered art college in Falmouth that I could make a career out of that, I knew that's what I needed to do.

What inspires you?

I design around simple form, linear patterns and soft colours. My work is all about appealing to the senses. I love the idea of someone using my designs and enjoying the details - how comfortable my porcelain cups feel in their hands when drinking tea or how my colourful lights (Birdcage, £120 each, above) transform a room when switched on.

What's next? My lighting range is new, but it's something I always come back to - I plan to develop it further.

Your artistic style in three words? Tactile, simple and

Scandi.

For more details, visit harrietcecilcaslin.com.



Love country classics

A beautiful new collection from Clarke & Clarke comes straight from its distinctive design archive. Genevieve is an updated classics collection in six charming patterns. It includes large checks, block-print paisleys, ticking stripes and daisy florals (all above), as well as a blowy floral, Genevieve, and a trailing botanical, Eliza. The variety and scale of the patterns, all in fresh, natural shades, make co-ordinating them in modern country rooms effortless.

Cushions (from front), Polly, col Old Rose (and blind); Harriet, col Sage; Belle, col Old Rose; Maude, col Old Rose, all £14 m, Clarke & Clarke.

WE WANT THIS NOW...

We adore the simplicity of this storage unit depicting a little row of houses - a must for treasured trinkets.

Display box, 5020067, H35xW95xD16cm, £119, Bloomingville.



Book of the month

Interiors guru Atlanta Bartlett has a knack for mixing old with new and luxurious with everyday. In *Easy Elegance* (£14.99, Ryland Peters & Small) she guides you through every room of the house to help you create a similar look.

Country best Dreamy beds



Country designs, traditional and modern, for a peaceful night's sleep.

1 FRENCH UPHOLSTERED, col Cream, from £3,105, Sweetpea & Willow.

2 DAZZLER, £795, Leaf.

3 REVIVAL MARIA,

£649, House of Fraser.

All prices for a double, without mattress.