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



1 Here's one 'Diamond' that isn't forever. Mind you, Eric Therner's 15wt halogen creation (£24) does last for 2,000 hours, which is as near as dammit when it comes to light bulbs. Ring 00 46 480 504 892, or visit erictherner.com.



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2 Ben Pentreath describes the 19th-century seat that inspired this 'Bloomsbury Library' chair (from £1,200) as the most comfortable and useful piece of furniture he owns. Will you feel the same about his version, which can be covered in one of 46 plain linens or your own fabric? Ring 020 7430 2526, or visit benpentreath.com.



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3 Merchant & Mills is to haberdashery what Labour & Wait is to utility home-wares. As well as beautifully packaged dress-making essentials, it sells this oilskin bag kit, which can be yours



for £48 – or £75, if you lack confidence in your sewing skills and want to combine the purchase with a one-day class (including lunch) in Staunton-on-Wye. Ring 01981 500692, or visit merchantandmills.com.



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4 When Stefano Marcato isn't hard at work conserving Italy's historic buildings he's collaborating with Murano-based glass artisans Nason Moretti. The architect's latest creations – the 'Burlesque' glass (£76; 12 colours) and the 'Dandy' tumbler, which fits the hand beautifully (£56; 12 colours) – draw on the fourth-generation family firm's skills in creating new forms and interesting combinations of opaque and clear-coloured glass. Ring 0039 041 739020, or visit nasonmoretti.com.



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5 'Twenty-first-century takes on 17th-century crewelwork' sums up Mark Alexander's new machine-embroidered linens in subtle shades of grey. Shown from top: 'Long Island' and 'Hartford', which cost £159 and £115 per m respectively. Ring 01623 756699, or visit markalexander.com.





6 Skip the museums – when passing through Brussels, visit Lapidis instead. You'll discover an extraordinary collection of over 900 marbles, stones and gems sourced from every corner of the world. Some you'll rarely see the like of, including 'Brèche Constantinople' (left; from £599 per sq m) and 'Royal Blue' (middle; from £1,857 per sq m). And not to forget hand-cut Tiffany glass mosaic tiles (right; £320 per sq m), available in 120 colours. Ring 00 32 253 93999, or visit lapidismosaics.com.



7 When you're not picnicking off W2Products' melamine 'Portrait' plates (from £5 for a side plate), you might consider sticking them on the wall. They're the closest thing you'll get to the paintings on which they're based: those are hanging in the National Gallery. Ring 020 7922 1444, or visit w2products.com.



8 The name might mislead, but Lunn Antiques also sells new bed and table linen. Shown from top are two of its latest offerings based on old designs: 'Spring Flower' and 'Rowan'. Prices start at £24 for a pair of cotton pillowcases. Ring 020 7736 4638, or visit lunnantiques.co.uk.



9 Yorkshire-based blacksmith Chris Topp may count the Queen and the Duke of Devonshire among his clients – pictured is ornate ironwork he restored at Chatsworth – but he and his 12-man team are not so grand that they shun Joe Public's more modest commissions. Nor are they such traditionalists that they won't do modern styles. Prices start at £500 per m for simple railings. Ring 01845 501415, or visit christopp.co.uk.



10 The ubiquitous woven-vinyl laundry bag and the technology for moulding car interiors are an unlikely combination. Marking the launch of new firm Eumenes, this made-to-measure range of 'Eu/phoria' seats (£276 approx each; frames available in seven colours) uses both, thanks to Paola Navone, whose decorative take on contemporary design often surprises. Ring 00 39 02 3664 7900, or visit eumenes.it ▷