

This issue's Pinboard

Our round-up of the latest in homewares, news and interiors trends

PLAY MATES

WHETHER YOU'RE A PARENT OF BOY/GIRL TWINS, OR SIMPLY WANT A DEN DESIGN THAT'LL STAND THE TEST OF TIME, A GENDER NEUTRAL SPACE IS JUST THE TICKET. INTERIOR STYLIST LEANNE MOSS ADVISES OPTING FOR CRISP WHITE WALLS, LIGHT-WOOD FLOORS, SOME ARTIFICIAL GREENERY FOR A SPLASH OF NATURE, AND SIMPLE ACCENTS MADE FROM NATURAL RATTAN TO ADD TEXTURE AND WARMTH.



White Moss Photo: Natelee Cocks Photography



Secret Garden Mouse Tea Cup, Dhs175



Secret Garden Mouse Jar, Dhs105



Secret Garden Mouse Bowl, Dhs105



Secret Garden Bird Tea Cup, Dhs125

TIME FOR TEA

Seeking the perfect accompaniments for your cucumber sandwiches and scones? Quirky British brand House of Disaster has joined the Jashanmal Home collection, serving up a whimsical range of tableware that includes teacups and dishes inspired by woodland creatures. Venture down the rabbit hole and pick your favourite of these kitsch designs that are sure to bring a touch of *Alice in Wonderland* to the table. jashanmalhome.com

The UAE's real estate sector has been given a boost thanks to the introduction of the Gold Card visa, which offers selected individuals a renewable, 10-year residency visa. It's thought the move will give long-termers the confidence needed to put down roots.



Felice Cup and Saucer (set of 4), 2XL, Dhs47

Mad about monochrome

A quiet, monochromatic palette for the bedroom is just the ticket for lazy Saturday mornings. The good news is, bringing it into your home just got a little easier due to the new wave of buys from the likes of BoConcept and 2XL.

BoConcept Osaka bed

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THE DREAM TEAM

If you love an IKEA hack, you'll be all over the new collaboration between interior stylists Kathryn Hawkes of House of Hawkes (left) and Linda Dekkers of Live Loud Girl (right). The talented duo has teamed up to launch Fronteriors, offering bespoke fronts and accessories especially for upgrading IKEA pieces, with a focus on providing unique finishes for clients in the Middle East.

How did the idea come about?

Kathryn: Linda and I met at an industry event a few years ago and have maintained a great working relationship

and valuable friendship ever since. We often talked about upgrading and/or hacking IKEA furniture for clients, which required some level of custom carpentry as, frustratingly, there were no such ready-made products on the market. We decided, pretty much on the spur of the moment, to fill that gap ourselves. And just like that, Fronteriors was born.

What can we expect to find?

Linda: We've designed a range of custom doors and tops to fit a selection of IKEA furniture frames. The cane door we created for the Billy bookcase (pictured)

has had a fantastic response. The other surfaces we've selected for our fronts, sides and tops are also sure to wow, such as the speckled stone top and simple gold handle that provide a chic upgrade to the popular Besta frame.

What has been the response?

Kathryn: We were inundated with requests for pre-orders, which resulted in a growing wait list. Needless to say, the pressure is on, but we get a real buzz when delivering our products to their new homes.

To find out more, visit fronteriors.co and follow them on Instagram @fronteriors

On our radar Cool new buys we can't keep our hands off...



GATHER AROUND THE TABLE Brushed gold paired with marble is always a good idea. Razor Dining Table, Dhs5,250, Chattels & More, chattelsandmore.com



SITTING PRETTY This luxurious velvet seat by KARE will bring the luxe factor to any sitting room. Armchair My Desire Velvet Grey, Dhs8,827, KARE, kareuae.ae



FUN FOR BOOKWORMS This handmade zoo-inspired bookend makes a study area more fun. Zúny Bookend Beaver, Dhs385, The Lighthouse, thelighthouse.ae



IF YOU'VE A PASSION FOR HANDMADE HOMEWARES AND ALL THINGS MEDITERRANEAN, MAIOLICA IS YOUR GO-TO. FOUNDED BY ITALIAN ENTREPRENEURS MARIANNA PICCOLO AND ARIANNA POSENATO, THE NEWLY LAUNCHED E-SHOP IS BRIMMING WITH HANDPICKED CONTEMPORARY DÉCOR FROM BOUTIQUE BRANDS IN ITALY, PORTUGAL AND BEYOND. PLUS, THEY'RE BASED IN DUBAI. MAIOLICA.AE



Knot to miss

One of our fave designers, Nisrine El Lababidi Moghraby of Harf Noon Design Studio, has teamed up with knothome.com to launch an exclusive collection of accessories, cushions and lighting. We're loving the modern designs and tonal colours.



Ways with metallics

These top tips from Aura (@auralive_ae) make it easy to incorporate the metallic trend into your home...

Be bold. Set your living room apart with a gold metallic coffee table stand beneath a glass table top. Arrange sofas adorned with metallic studs to incorporate the design throughout the room.

Mix and match. Update neutrals, such as wood and marble, by pairing with metallics to create a sophisticated point of difference between materials.

Table sense. Team embellished dishes with gold or bronze cutlery. Enhance the look with candle holders and vases filled with pale blooms to create a soft contrast.