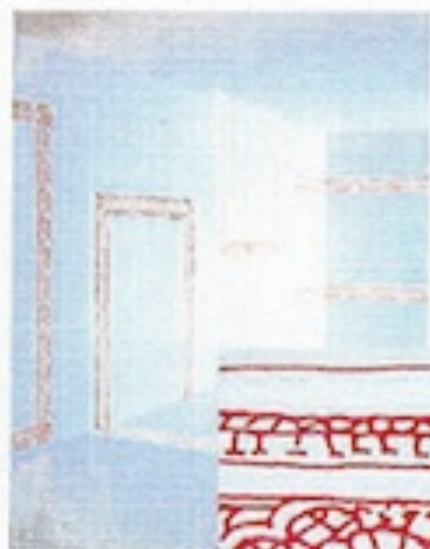


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What's in the air this month, edited by Faye Toogood

1 Wouter Dolk has been producing hand-painted egg-tempera wallpapers for years, so it was a challenge when Gabbianelli asked him to design a collection of tiles. 'I find normal tile configurations chaotic,' he explains. 'I wanted to make a new composition that would add space as well as distract from the corners of a room.' His silk-screened 'Cornic' design, based on antique frames, does just that and can make your bathroom feel like less of a box. From £8 approx per 20 x 20cm tile. Ring 00 39 01 56721.

2 With heroes like Jean-Michel Frank and Paul Dupré-Lafou, it is not surprising that Richard Shapiro's collection of furniture has something of the French Moderne about it. We particularly like this 'Banquette' sofa (\$9,375) in chocolate-brown velvet and these whimsical lacquered Deco tables (\$4,000). For more super-glamorous side tables, club chairs and ebony consoles, ring 001 310 275 6700.

3 Specialising in exuberant ecclesiastical papers and fabrics from the late 19th century, Watts of Westminster has survived all the changing styles and tastes of the last century and is one of the few English companies still making magnificent passementerie. This 'Gallon' braid starts at £212 per m; 'Roanne' rosette, £290. Ring 020 7376 4486.

4 Gone are the days when fair trade and ethical design were synonymous with hemp tank tops and the odd wicker basket. Pioneering a contemporary collection of well-designed furniture and accessories, Illizi Home works like a co-operative between the inhabitants of an Algerian village and contemporary British designers Simon Pengelly, Michael Sodreau and Kate Blee. Blee's flat-woven rugs, including this 'Graphic' (1995), are particularly worth noting. Ring 01460 55866.

