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



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1 These fantastic fabrics are from a new company named Mockett & Moquette (don't mock it). As well as woodblock-printed textiles, it specialises in wrapping paper, stationery and small-edition books. Its bold, figurative designs take in everything from windmills to cowboys, and can be printed onto any material, in any colourway. From £112 per m. Ring 01273 601262, or visit mockettandmoquette.co.uk.

2 British furniture designer Michael Anastassiades has come into the discipline through unusual channels, first training as a civil engineer before graduating from the Royal College of Art in industrial design. He has since mastered a range of media, from crystal and steel to wood and silver, creating objects that, like his career path, are far from ordinary. This 'Ball' light (£350) is part of his new 'Editions' collection. Ring 020 7928 7527, or visit michaelanastassiades.com.

3 Established in 1950 and housed in the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies, the Percival David Foundation is a unique collection of Asian ceramics and books on Chinese art. You can take home your own rare Ju or Kuan pot in the form of its new beautifully illustrated set of postcards (£5). Ring 020 7387 3909, or visit pdfmuseum.org.uk.

4 With its opulent lacquered chests, gilt bamboo cutlery and spice-coloured silks, there is a whiff of the exotic about the 'La Bohème' collection from Ralph Lauren Home. This side table with Asian cinnabar-red base and marble top costs £1,875. Ring 020 7535 4600, or visit rlhome.polo.com.

5 With 33 shops opening in cities as far-flung as Buenos Aires, Beirut and Tel Aviv, it seems only right that London should get an Armani Casa too – at 113 New Bond St, W1. Its Far East-inspired range includes this 1970s-chic-meets-Pierre-Chareau 'Turandot' sofa (from £3,726). Ring 00 39 026 572401, or visit armanicasa.com.