

WHAT'S NEW

HOME FRONT

Our pick of this month's highlights, from things to do and seasonal shopping to decor news and the best places to visit



LORD OF THE MANOR

Inspired by classic designs, David Llewelyn Furnishings presents handcrafted pieces with an unmistakably French influence. Imported from Europe by design veteran Roy Griffiths, the items are custom finished in SA to suit bespoke projects. A palette of 15 colours is currently available and each piece is made from Mhindi wood. Sophisticated yet quirky, it's the height of baronial glam. Call Roy on 082 389 9392 or visit dlfurniture.co.za

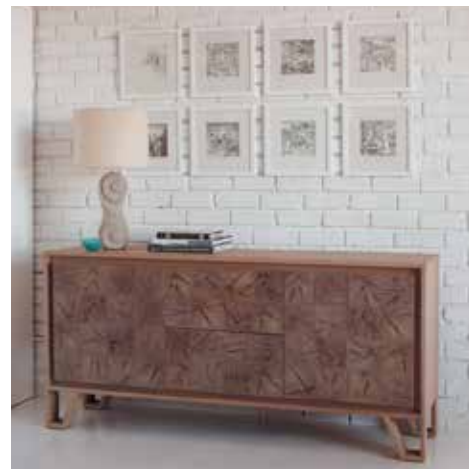


modern country

We're smitten by the prints from Zoffany's new Town & Country collection, available from St Leger & Viney. A stylish mix of ethnic elements mixed up with 18th-century block prints and traditional florals, each design was developed as an original artwork by the creative team, and is printed on linen, silk and viscose. A weaves and wallpaper range complements the collection, the latter subtly layered with on-trend metallic inks. Visit stleger.co.za

MADE IN SA

After working with the master craftsmen team of Meyer von Wielligh on bespoke projects, local interior designer Carla de Fondaumiere decided to distribute some of their pieces. "MVW is a highly talented but little known workshop, and each piece is crafted with exceptional attention to detail." Look out for the Instomi sideboard, Rxxx, available from GDF Design Lab. Call 082 829 2360.



Feast your eyes

Inspired by the owner's love of textiles and influenced by bygone eras, Makietie offers a wide range of unique products and timeless fabric designs printed on 100 percent linen and cottons. Visit makietie.com

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**5 MINUTES WITH
BELINDA MCCALL
AND VANESSA
GIBSON,
OWNERS OF NEST,
CREATORS OF
CLEVER MODULAR
STORAGE SOLUTIONS**

Nest specialises in family-friendly, stylish furniture

and storage solutions. Tell us about your philosophy.

When we founded Nest in 2009, our vision was to give South Africa's families fresh, functional and contemporary ways to furnish a home. We started with the kids, developing ranges of furniture and storage solutions for the nursery and beyond. Our guiding philosophy is based on four indispensable principles: exclusivity, innovation, functionality and great quality.

Nest has recently launched a new website and online store.

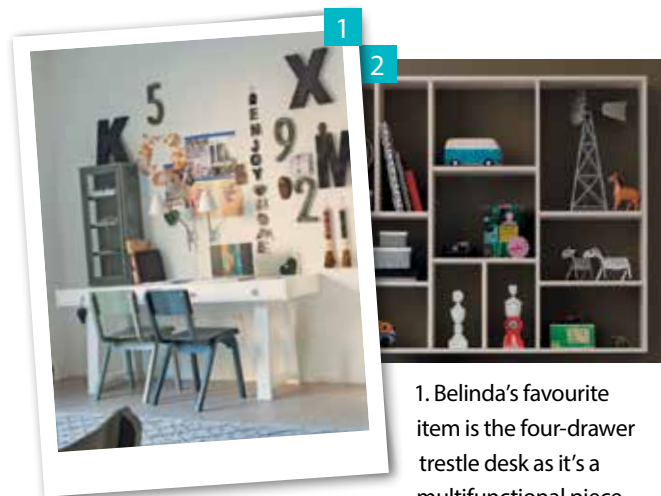
What can your customers expect from this new venture?

Our online site has brand new features that will improve our customers' overall shopping experience with us on the web. If you're starting out, branching out, upscaling, downsizing, space-saving or furnishing your first home, you'll discover a world of inspiring, beautiful designs for kids' rooms and family spaces.

What are the trends in kids' decor for 2013?

The focus in furniture is still very much on natural materials. Solid wood furniture continues to be popular, especially oak. Three-dimensional surface grain effects that feel good are still evident. Kids' furniture is modern, multifunctional and flexible. There's a move towards more practical, intelligent pieces that are built to last. Following on from the reddish-orange colour that was seen as one of the trendiest colours for 2012, the colour palette is still vibrant and cheerful. Look out for new tangy colours like apple green plus big, pretty floral patterns in powdery pinks that are reminiscent of an English cottage garden. There is also a great preppy look that reflects colours commonly found in flags – it's perfect for boys!

Visit nestdesigns.co.za



1. Belinda's favourite item is the four-drawer trestle desk as it's a multifunctional piece

that's big on style. 2. Vanessa's pick is the compartment wall shelf which is perfect for putting walls to work.



NEW YORK STATE OF MIND

We love the clean lines and bold colours of these Soho lights from the Retro New York range, from The Lighting Warehouse. They're perfect for livening up a kitchen or dining space. Priced from R399,95 for the coloured versions and R449,95 for the chrome finish. Visit lightingwarehouse.co.za



KEEP YOUR COOL

Plascon's latest innovation – Nuroof Cool – contains an Enviroshield which reflects 30 percent of the invisible infrared light off roof surfaces. This means that your home's interior temperature can be lowered by up to 8 percent, reducing the need for energy sappers like air-conditioners. It also has a 12-year guarantee. Visit plascon.co.za

timeless classics

Looking for the perfect fabric for your sofa? Romo's new collection, available from Home Fabrics, includes a range of versatile textured plains called Rumba. The washable linen-effect weaves are woven with a slub yarn, giving a natural yet easy-to-care-for finish. Perfect for stylish, yet busy living spaces. Visit hf.co.za



WHAT'S ON

10 DECEMBER – 19 JANUARY

Affordable Art Sale

With the works of fledgling and prominent KZN artists alike on sale for a maximum price of R3 500, the 10th Annual Affordable Art Sale is not to be missed. artSPACE Durban, 3 Millar Road, Durban.

Visit artspacedurban.blogspot.com ▷



FRESH START

Bailey Hayward Agencies has responded to the overwhelming demand for their fabrics and wallpapers with a new identity and premises. Now known as The Collection, you can find owner Karen Hannah's wide range of fabrics, wallpapers and throws from Black Fabrics, Harlequin and United Wallcoverings on display at Unit 1b, 39 Churchill Road, Stamford Hill, Durban. Call 031 312 0930.



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BRANCHING OUT

Know that the stylish Jay Smith fabric collection is now available through Castellano Beltrame. You'll find them at 69 Kramer Road, Kramerville. Visit jaysmithcollection.co.za

High-end Italian brand Chateau d'Ax has opened a branch in Pretoria. Expect an extensive range of sofas and chairs with durable, solid beechwood frames. Bespoke designs can be made up in any fabric, including a beautiful range of leathers. Parkview Shopping Centre, corner Netcare and Garsfontein Roads, Moreleta Park. Visit chateau-dax.co.za

B

Casamento, designers of unique, colourful and creative furniture, have moved to the Woodstock Foundry in CT. Their studio showcases their latest spectacular projects and designs, and they also manufacture to order. Visit casamento.co.za or call 021 448 6183.



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NATURAL BEAUTIES

Horticulturist Michael Knight is equally passionate about plants and photography and has combined his twin loves in his Prints of Plants collection. "The intention is to interpret both garden favourites and relatively unknown plants, botanically and artistically," he says. His portraits, landscapes and close-ups of South Africa's floral stars can be ordered from printsofplants.com or knightm1265@gmail.com



Style statement
Coricraft's latest range of occasional furniture is all about practicality and good design – think pieces that make a statement, yet can work in any existing decor scheme. The Jade lamp table, R1 495, gets our vote for its simple, clean lines that will look great in any room, inside or out. Visit coricraft.co.za



BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Check out Shanti Decor for a range of colourful handcrafted accessories sold online. Made in India, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, you'll find scatters, tablecloths and runners – even items upcycled from Kashmiri saris. Visit shantidecor.co.za **G&H**