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FREE BUILDING & RENOVATING GUIDE



Ground floor

Before ripping up dull decking, consider a quick colour injection in the form of a punchy outdoor-ready rug. The Cancun (left) belongs to Fab Habitat's new UK collection, with the eco-conscious, fair-trade American brand clearly inspired by the azure and turquoise waters of the famous Mexican resort – and by Missoni's skinny striped prints. The rug is made in India from recycled polypropylene, and is mildew-resistant and UV-stabilised to guard against fading and deterioration. Roll up and roll it out. £44.95. www.cuckooland.com

Night light

If dancing in the moonlight is this season's plan for the garden, best to have a back-up lighting scheme for cloudy evenings. Keir Townsend's metal lantern with a leather handle casts a soft light across the lawn thanks to its satin acrylic diffuser and pearl finish, and can be used unplugged outdoors as well as on the house's mains electricity, for when the party heads indoors.

From £490 for small lantern. www.keirtownsend.com



Sun burn

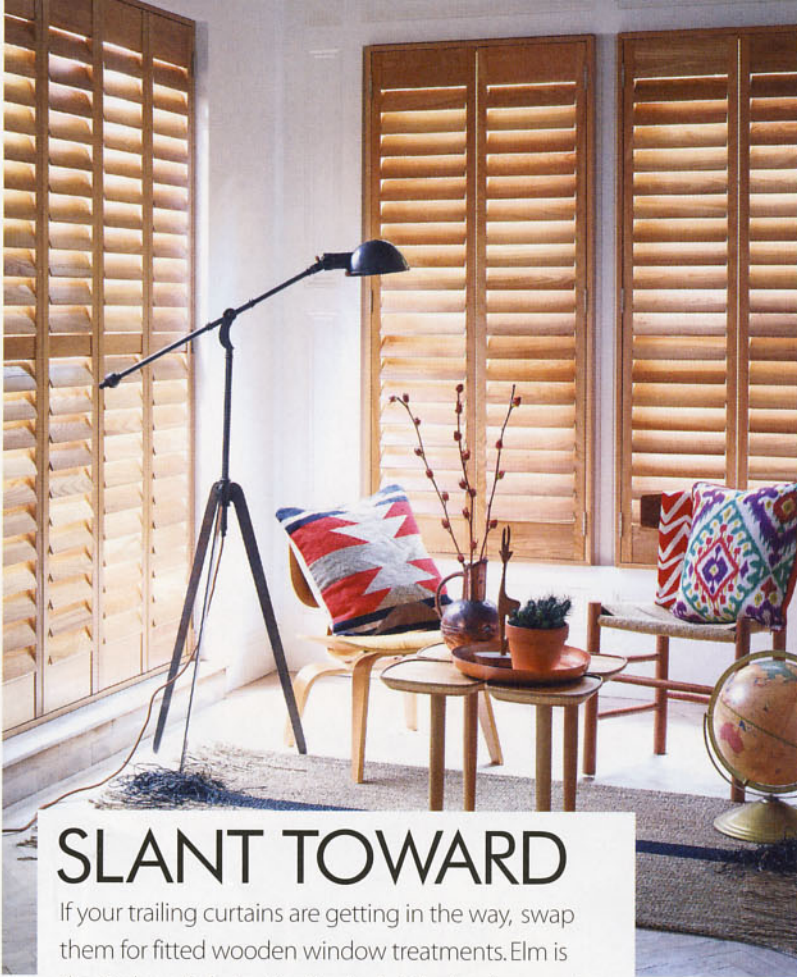
Cooler days on the patio call for reinforcements: try a chiminea from Dobbies' latest range of rugged, rustic garden heaters. The Gardeco Sage Green clay option here rests on a modest steel stand that won't detract from a landscaped setting.

£69. www.dobbies.com



INSIDE STORY

As the man who gave the world the Egg chair, nothing less than revolutionary would be expected from the Arne Jacobsen design house. It has ventured into outdoor lighting, with the AJ Wall LED, which sports a sleek funnel exterior in die-cast aluminium. Most impressive, however, is the white painted interior which will dilute the downward beam, and not flood porches. £649. www.louispoulsen.co.uk



SLANT TOWARD

If your trailing curtains are getting in the way, swap them for fitted wooden window treatments. Elm is the timber of choice for Shutterly Fabulous' new set of designs, each of which is made bespoke. They can be stained in one of ten popular warm woods in the classic range, or coloured in a further ten paints in Premium Elm selection. From £290 per square metre.

www.shutterlyfabulous.com

Pale and interesting

LinenMe's unembellished, unassuming textiles light up the bedroom this autumn with Lithuanian-born designer Inga Lukauskiene's latest launch for the online brand. Her muted, stone-washed 100% linen bedding is hand-sewn with sustainability in mind, using flax fibres that are both delicate and durable. Take your pick from six colours, ranging from gentle taupes to bolder blues. From £19.99 for a pillow case. www.linenme.com



UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Laurameroni's new wooden storage and panelling is a very stylish take on cladding. There's a seamless dark cabinet on stilts, concealing two drawers and four shelves, a 'hanging' sideboard, and wenge, rose and cherry wood in sheet form, with eight standard grooves to envelop walls. And if your signature style still isn't nailed, you can even have the wood ingrained with your name.

From £500 per square metre. www.keirtownsend.com

Sole search

To Bethan Gray, the shoe is an unlikely muse for marble-topped coffee and console tables. Her new collection celebrates the brogue's structural stitching (see the edging's effort to resemble its thread pattern) and its mix of materials, marrying Carrara, Montclair and Nero Marquina marble with oak and American black walnut. Worth following in its footsteps. From £3237. www.lapicida.com

