



THE ODDER THE BETTER
Eccentric designer who wants us to reshape our world

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Eye-catching: A Mayfair window seat area designed by Louis, who is pictured left, standing on his Shongololo Bench

BE THE ODD ONE OUT

WANT to stand out and show off your eccentric side? Bührmann explains how:

- Look at what your neighbours are doing and do your thing differently.
- Scale is the easiest element to play with in your home – if you have a standard ceiling light use some wire and attach an over-scaled woven basket to the bottom (do make sure it's not going to catch fire).
- Play with colour – buy a few metres of fabric, hang it on the wall and overlay it with family photos or that basket that didn't end up on the lampshade.

■ When you see something you like, that might be unconventional, ask yourself what else could it be. Perhaps a heap of bent metal from a construction site could be turned into a coffee table – or that ceiling lamp we have been talking about.

Design hero: The Thonet chair



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THIS WEEK... REFINED

ADDING some refinement to your interior will help rein in any fashion foibles and give some rules to the environment. 'This style is best summed up by the use of sumptuous fabrics, luxurious textures, elegant furniture and a simple colour palette,' says Maxine Brady, interior stylist and award-winning blogger at welovehomeblog.com. 'Avoid patterns, instead choose furnishings in velvets, silks, cottons or linens in rich shades that complement your walls.'

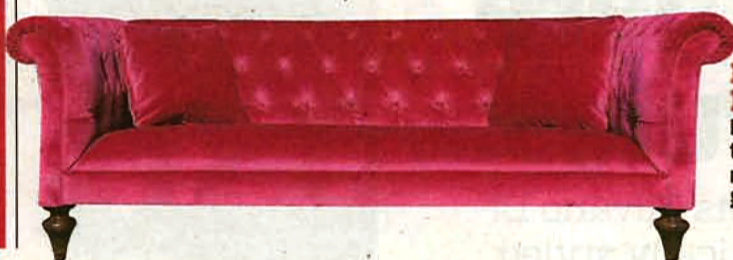


Sloane Chair
Part of the boutique-inspired Sloane collection, the styling fastidiously keeps everything refined and in check. £2,187.49, thesofaandchair.co.uk



House by John Lewis Mix it Wardrobe
Spacious, stylish and simplistic, this triple wardrobe keeps it minimalistic. Being House by John Lewis, it's affordable too. £335, johnlewis.com

Camden Sofa in cerise velvet
Luxurious and glamorous without being chintzy, the Camden sofa is an effortless statement piece. £1,415, sofasandstuff.com



Keir Townsend Metal Clad Sideboard

If your visitors aren't impressed, your credit-card company will be, as you pay off eight grand for this wonderful sideboard. £7,900, keirtownsend.com



Nina Campbell Nantucket Lamp

Practical and elegant, this table lamp is nicely understated. £995, ninacampbell.com



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