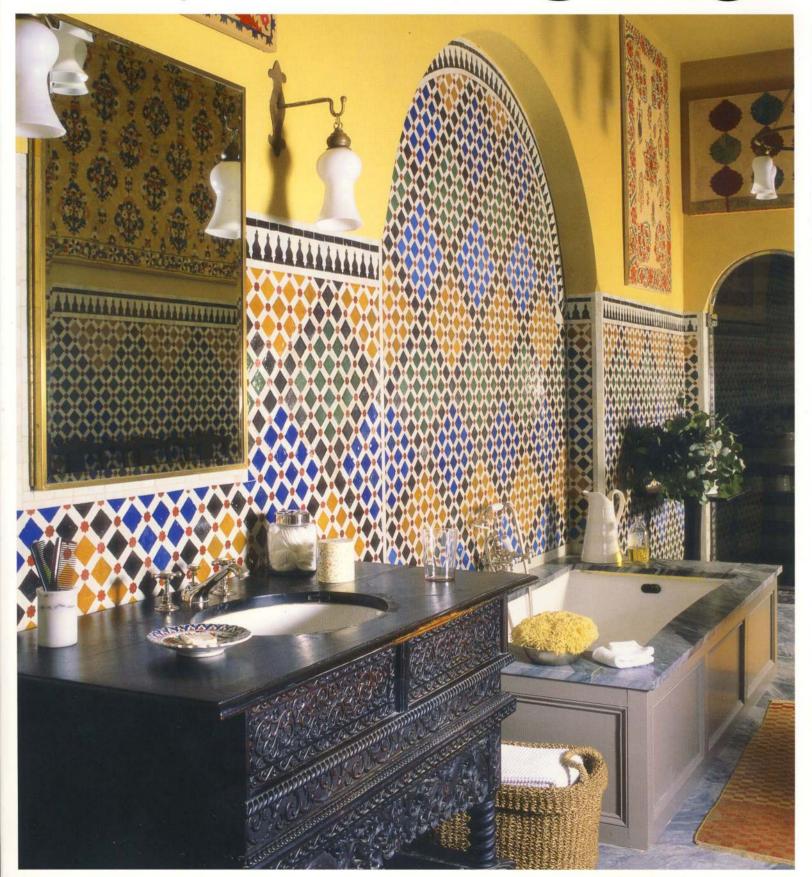
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Buy one of Serpent Sea's mats (from \$249) and you'll be paying money for old rope; founder Sophie Aschauer makes them from recycled marine rope using one of four traditional knotting techniques favoured by sailors for centuries. Ring 001 646 318 4893, or visit serpentsea.com.

2 Recycled glass they may be, but there's something of the semi-precious stone about these surfaces offered by Keir Townsend in six colours and in bespoke sizes (up to 3 × 1.25m). From £660 per sq m. Ring 020 7746 2442, or visit keirtownsend.com.

3 The team at the 300-acre organic Trill Farm and its various enterprises (the brainchild of Neal's Yard founder Romy Fraser) say they are committed to 'sharing our experience, land and food with our guests' via courses, events, activity weeks, a guesthouse and a campsite. Those who can't get to Devon can find comfort in products made with ingredients cultivated from the farm's diverse landscape, like this 'Autumn' soap (£6.95; one of four seasonal soaps) and Gotland sheep's-wool 'Stitch' blanket (from £125 for a version measuring 1.5 × 1.82m). Ring 01297 631113, or visit trillfarm.co.uk.

4 When it comes to illuminating our rooms, Philips intends to lead us out of the darkness. At its recently opened London-based 'light gallery' the company offers advice on achieving different ambiances as well as a heavenly

host of bulbs and fittings, including this energy-efficient 'Nick-Knack' LED, which can be positioned as a straight column or at multiple angles, and comes in five colours. The price is £399. Ring 020 7792 5787, or visit philipslightgallery.co.uk.

5 Japanese gardens have their stones and water features, French ones treillage, or trellis. If you're digging the latter, Tricotel should be your first port of call; the company has been executing the elegant crisscross frames since 1848, and counts the Pavillon Frais at Versailles - shown here alongside a sconce (£1,607 approx) among its prestigious restoration projects. Ring 00 33 1 30 26 33 60, or visit tricotel.com.