

SPEND Look for authentic pieces

A good-quality Scandinavian-style bed and chest of drawers with clean lines and simple styling have real heirloom potential, so these are worth spending money on. These pieces will set the style and structure for the room. Choose a paint colour that works with your furniture and bedding, not the other way round – paint is usually the cheapest element of a room to change

**SPEND** Spruce up plain bed linen

▲ Give inexpensive bed linen an opulent feel by adding pretty top pillowcases and a rich bedspread. Add a few scatter cushions made from vintage, embroidered or ticking fabrics

Patchwork cushion (with heart), £68, Caroline Zoob. Cushion made in Ticking 01, £12.50 per m, Ian Mankin; trimmed in Jacquard Rose, from a selection, Berisfords; buttons, 50p each, John Lewis. Tray, £24, Dabor. Goblet, £11.95, Caroline Zoob. Moroccan glass (with yoghurt), £4.95; flower spoon, £10.95; both Found. Plate, £4.95, The Pier. Napkin in Mandarin With a Parasol, £39 per m, Anna French. Bedside table, £375, Nordic Style. Lamp base, £48.75; shade, £29; both Country Cream

SAVE Dress up the lighting

► Chandeliers are a great way to give a room an elegant, romantic look, and you'll find them at fantastic prices on the high street. For extra sparkle, add coloured droplets that co-ordinate with your scheme

Chandelier with lilac drops, £44, An Angel at my Table. Purple glass drops, £3 each, Chloe Alberry. Large clear Lyrisk drops, £3.50 for five, Ikea

**SAVE** Mix

ticking throws with embroidered bedding for a Scandinavian look. Throw, £95, The Pier. Pillowcase, £8.50, Ditton Hill ►

SPEND Choose an ageless style

Solid-oak dining furniture has a timeless quality that will look good in years to come.

To ensure it lasts, protect the table from spills and dirt with an oilcloth during the day and, when entertaining, replace with a runner and smart raitan placemats.

Although the flooring doesn't need to be as hard-wearing as in the living room, money spent here will pay for itself over time. A good seagrass will reflect the quality of the furniture and cope with minor spills

Table, £950; chairs, £350 for two; sideboard, £700; all Laura Ashley. Walls painted in Ball Green, £21.99 for 2.5ltr; Farrow & Ball. Seagrass Superior-APC 106 carpet, £17.50 per sq m, The Alternative Flooring Company. Blind in 436C in Linen, £23 per m, Linwood Fabrics. Runner in Greenwood, £27.50 per m, Sanderson. Glasses, £2.50 each, Homebase. Plates, £5.99 each, Cargo HomeShop. Cereal bowls, £7.40 each; earthenware bowl, £26.80; all David Mellor. Cutlery, from £2.25 for a teaspoon, Muji. Mini hurricane lantern, £4.50; oil drizzlers, £6 for two; jug, £8; salad servers, £8; sphere glass vase, £14.99; all Terence Conran bY range, Sainsbury's. Throw, £14.99, Sainsbury's. Salt and pepper pot set, £9.95, John Lewis. Tea towel made in Leonis, £30.95 per m, Romo. Raitan placemats, from £30 for four, Oka. Salad bowl, £18, House of Fraser. On console: green bowls, £5 each, House of Fraser. Wooden bowl, £54.35, David Mellor. Frames, £7 each, Ikea



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Light and Nordic style

Scandinavian elegance makes an interiors debut in Hoopers Homewares



Gustavian bedroom set available at Tunbridge Wells

A strong trend in home interiors is the fresh uncluttered light-reflecting style of all things Swedish, and we are delighted to unveil the most inspired home furnishings collection, Nordic Style.

Designed by Swedish-born Moussie Sayers, Nordic Style is the

name in contemporary interiors styling and is summed up by Moussie as "new and different without actually being too modern." The key features of this refined, serene look is the painted wood, and an overall palette of light colours that are infinitely easy on the eye. Teamed with gilt mirrors and elegant crystal chandeliers it's easy to see how truly distinctive the overall impression can become.

Gustavian dining room set available at Tunbridge Wells



Anna bedroom set available at Tunbridge Wells



Both bedroom and dining furniture are available at our Tunbridge Wells store, occasional furniture available at Tunbridge Wells and Wilmslow stores. All have a distinctive Gustavian influence, a light decorative style with classic lines that first appeared in Sweden in the late 18th century. The Gustavian dining suite is typical of the elegance favoured by the Swedish King Gustav III, who had a passion for neoclassicism. The Rose Carver and Dining Table with matching chairs share a similar grace and stature.

Gustavian style is also a key theme of the bedroom furniture collection. Beds are wonderfully solid, yet being made from painted wood are light in colour, and when complemented with the light refreshing muted tones of the classic Scandinavian style bed linens range, available in our linens department, they make for the most beautiful stylish but unpretentious focal point of any bedroom.