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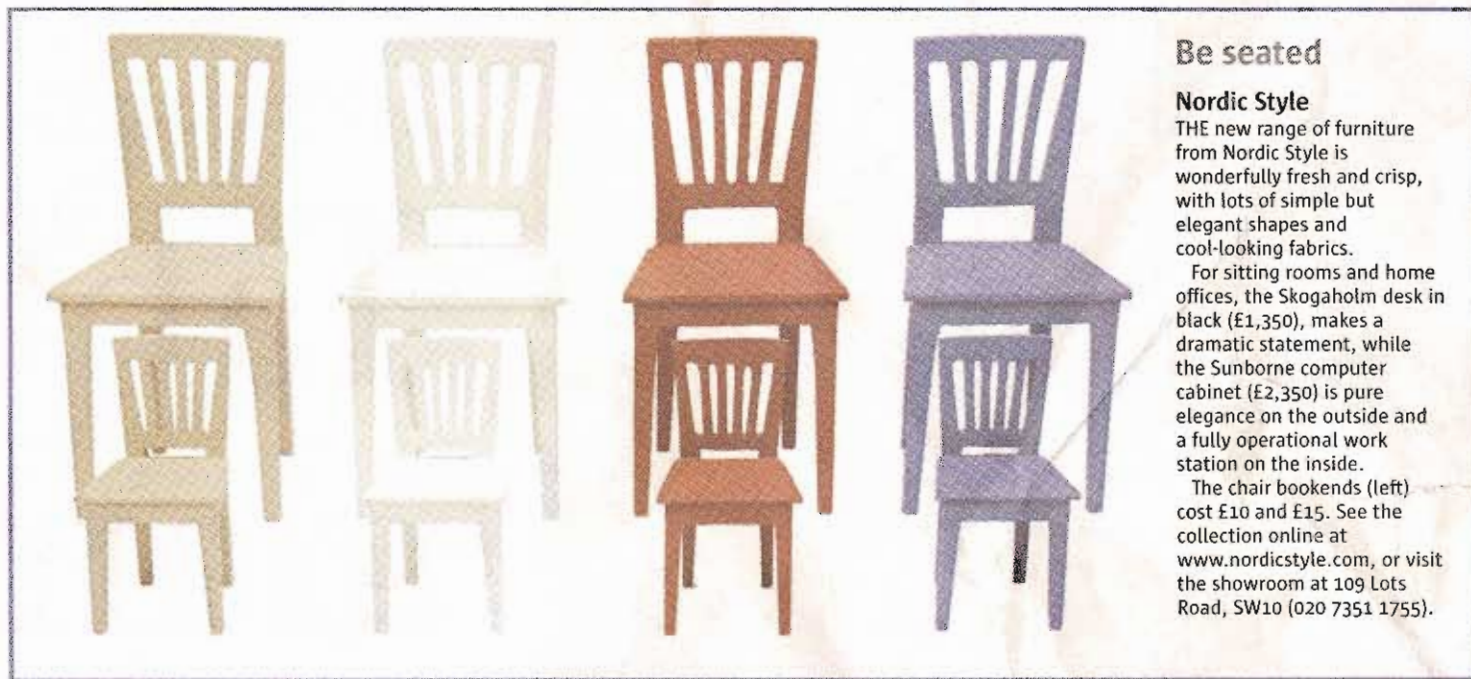
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# Simplicity itself

## Design news

by Katie Law



### Be seated

**Nordic Style**  
THE new range of furniture from Nordic Style is wonderfully fresh and crisp, with lots of simple but elegant shapes and cool-looking fabrics.

For sitting rooms and home offices, the Skogaholm desk in black (£1,350), makes a dramatic statement, while the Sunborne computer cabinet (£2,350) is pure elegance on the outside and a fully operational work station on the inside.

The chair bookends (left) cost £10 and £15. See the collection online at [www.nordicstyle.com](http://www.nordicstyle.com), or visit the showroom at 109 Lots Road, SW10 (020 7351 1755).

### Soft cell

#### Fine Cell Work

The charity that teaches prisoners needlework and sells their work on their behalf, is holding its Christmas sale and exhibition tomorrow and Friday at Chelsea Town Hall.

Needlepoint tapestry, patchwork and appliquéd cushions and quilts, together with giant Christmas stockings and tree decorations, will

be for sale. Designs include a portrait of Clint Eastwood and another, cheekily donated by Vinnie Jones, of two smoking barrels.

Modern and traditional designs for all members of the family start from £12 for a hand-stitched Christmas decoration up to about £800 for a fine patchwork quilt.

Fine Cell Work is at Chelsea Town Hall, King's Road, SW3. Call 020 7931 9998, or visit [www.finecellwork.co.uk](http://www.finecellwork.co.uk).

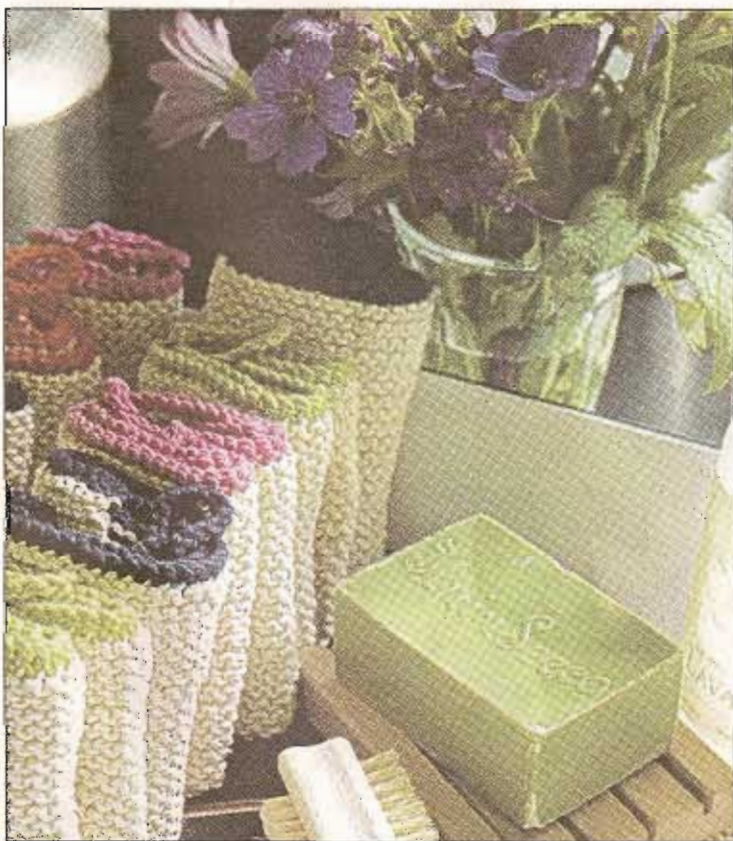
### For your little urchins

#### Urchin

The new collection from Urchin takes shabby chic from the sitting room into the nursery. Beanbags come in a range of vintage-style, removable fabric covers, including appliquéd cactus and star designs against a gingham or camouflage edging. Alternatively, there is a Toy Shop range, which involves Jelly Tot-bright triangles appliquéd onto a cream background, with a blue ticking trim. They cost £49.99 each.

Other good ideas in this perennially popular catalogue include the ergonomically designed Coco Bloom baby chair (£119) for travelling families, everything you need for a children's party and lots of stocking-fillers.

Call 0870 112 6006, or visit [www.urchin.co.uk](http://www.urchin.co.uk).



### Re: presents

RE This is the company that sells pretty vintage items that are either rescued, recycled, recently discovered, restored — or just remarkable. The latest catalogue is the fourth to emerge from this small Northumberland outfit, which is run by Simon Young and Jenny Vaughan.

Crystal lights made from old glass chandelier drops come in

three sizes from £80; cotton dishcloths with coloured trim (above) brighten any kitchen sink for £6.50; and French stripy cotton dishcloths cost £9.

Union Jack and coronation cushion covers are inspired by old souvenir scarves and backed with silk tie fabric, while neat little wooden wall sconces come painted or waxed for £25, or unfinished for you to customise, at £15.

Call 01434 634567, or visit [www.re-foundobjects.com](http://www.re-foundobjects.com).

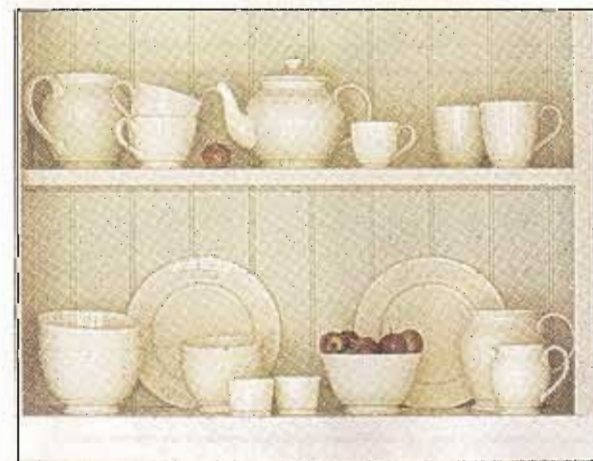
### Gone potty

#### Caroline Zoob

This designer of accessories has now introduced a new range of simple yet robust porcelain tableware.

The collection comprises mugs in various sizes, starting from £11.95, plates, jugs, bowls, and a four-mug teapot for £49.95. They come in plain cream, with a hint of blue ticking around the edge, or with a rose tattoo.

Visit Caroline Zoob on stand D1 at the Country Living Fair at Islington's Business Design Centre, N1, which is open from today until Sunday. Order on 01782 826052, or buy online at [www.caroline-zoob.co.uk](http://www.caroline-zoob.co.uk).



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### Finger on the Hulse

#### Clarissa Hulse

You will be able to get huge reductions on cushions, throws and lamp shades from Clarissa Hulse's previous collections in a huge studio sale that takes place tomorrow and Friday.

Other good ideas for Christmas presents include make-up purses and glasses cases (right, from £15), lavender bags and notebooks. Also, there will be a 15 per cent discount on everything else in the current collection, including wallpapers, recently launched fabrics and new bed linen.

The sale takes place on Thursday (11am to 9pm) and Friday (11am to 7pm) at Clarissa Hulse, 132 Cavell Street, E1 (020 7375 1456; [www.clarissahulse.com](http://www.clarissahulse.com)).