

In first place/

The stylish rocker designed in 1948 by Ernest Race is still a winner in our opinion, so we were thrilled to hear that Retrouvius is re-issuing it. The bent steel frame is solid and light, and the cushion provides a comfy resting place. From £465. (020 8960 6060; retrouvius.com)



Hedge your bets/ Now is the time to surround your rural idyll with a thriving habitat for birds butterflies and bees. October is hedgerow planting season, and Trees Direct sells them by the metre, complete with planting instructions. From £35 for 3m. (01588 680 280; treesdirect.co.uk)



Pick a pattern/

When design doyenne Lucienne Day picked which of her Fifties patterns vintage manufacturer Spirografica should revive to put on its cushions, she chose Calyx (pictured), Flotilla and Spectators. We love all three, available (including 18in feather-filled cushion pad) for £70 each. (01252 672 862; spirografica.com)



Voyage of discovery/

Heal's Discovers does the hard work for you. This range, now in its fourth year, selects talented graduates and young designers, then manufactures their work. This year's crop seems stronger than ever. We love Hume by Sam Chan, a revolving oak bookstand that costs £995. (020 7636 1666; heals.co.uk)

Shopaholics

Home design website/ If you like continental style but can't afford the time to pound foreign pavements then this website is the place to go. It offers over 5,000 products from across the water, with savings of up to 40 per cent off high-street prices. (europebynet.com)

Autumn range/ This is not just any new range, it's the M&S autumn home range. Ranging from kitchen essentials to luxurious decorative looks, there's a wide enough range to suit most palates. (marksandspencer.com)

New store/ Designer interiors store Aria is launching an exciting new 5000sqft flagship store in Barnsbury Hall, north London. Classics feature along with less well-known products. (ariashop.co.uk)



Sweet dreams/

Abaca is the only manufacturer of certified organic mattresses in the UK. Costing from £525, the wool used absorbs moisture and regulates temperature naturally. It's also fire retardant, passing safety regulations without the need for chemical proofing. (01269 598 491; abacaorganic.co.uk)