Sourcebook

Summer is drawing to an end but this month's ideas will bring light into your home all year round. Choose pieces inspired by the age of elegance, with lustrous velvet and wallpapers, and fabrics in shimmering, ethereal colours

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Gracious living

Furniture-makers Willis & Gambler have taken elements of 18th-century design to create a new range of dining furniture. Built from oak and oak veneers, the Georgian collection includes the double pedestal table, from £989, dining chair, £249, and carver, £329, (all shown here) as well as a sideboard, console table and other occasional places that would fit beautifully into the living more.

Sea air

They would pass for a souvenir from an exotic holiday on a tropical isle, but this shell salt and pepper set is available in the UK for just £8.75 from Joanna Wood.







Decorating made easy

Finding exactly the right paint colour to go with a fabric is time-consuming but Francesca Wezel of Francesca's Paints and fabric designer Aleta Bartel-Orton have brought together colour and pattern in perfect harmony. Francesca's Monsoon Rains palette of gently coloured paints has been selected to team with Aleta's Moghul-influenced fabrics. Limewash and ecological emulsion are both £34 for 2.5ltrs from Francesca's Paints and fabrics are between £41-£60 per m from Aleta.



Add a sparkle

All it takes to transform a dull chest of drawers or old wardrobe into a glamorous piece of bedroom furniture is a fresh coat of paint and a set of new handles. And they don't come much prettier or more affordable than these faceted chrome-effect and glass pumpkin knobs that would make lovely twinking additions to most styles of boudoir. They cost £3.98 each from B&Q.

Clear light

A variation on the traditional tea caddy lamp, the Cookie Jar lamp base, £65 from Lombok, has a much lighter look. The silvery metal frame is a chunky 18cm square and 30cm tall; but its clear glass panels make it seem much less bulky and topped with a square linen-mix shade, £55, it has a fresh, nautical air.

