

Opposite, top: in the hall at Chapel House are an 18th-century English mirror and a trunk that belonged to Catherine of Braganza, who brought Tangier to the English with her marriage to Charles II. Bottom: a 19th-century Moorish lantern, an 18th-century Italian mirror and checked cloth from Kano hang in the stairwell. This page: the wardrobe in the bedroom was painted for the explorer Sir Samuel Baker by his wife. The ceiling light hangs from a 'hand of Fatima', an emblem of good luck





Top: to the left in the hall at McBey House is a 17th-century English oak-and-ebony chest of drawers. A 19th-century French toile table stands in the foreground. Above: in the upper hall, a Tunisian birdcage looks down on Moroccan rugs and a Gnawa drum from the last century. Right: poppy-themed hangings from India drape the brass bed in the McBey bedroom. An Arabic inscription sits on the Louis XVI table



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بَدَأَ خَلْقَ الْإِنسَانِ مِنْ
تَلْحُمٍ أَجْزَلٍ



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8 The saturated colours and mottled effect of the walls in Christopher Gibbs's home (page 254) were achieved using limewash. For a similar effect, try Francesca Wezel's wide range of hand-mixed limewash paints. We show 'Benjamin's Oxblood' (top), £52.92 per 2.5 litres, and 'Tobacco' (bottom), £38.38 per 2.5 litres. Ring 020 7228 7694, or visit francescaspaint.com.



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9 Christopher Gibbs has several distinctive reed carpets (page 254). Duncan Clarke, who trades at Alfies Antique Market in London, imports large Mauritanian mats (from £2,500) on demand from Ougadougou. Ring 07710 791497, or visit adireafriantextiles.com.

10 Bold Mogul poppies decorate two of Christopher Gibbs's bedrooms (page 259). Find Brigitte Singh's 'Poppy on White' tablecloth (left), 175 x 175cm, £78, and 'Papavero on Badam' (right), £52 per m, at Aleta. Ring 020 7228 9676, or visit aletaonline.com.



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11 The fabric used for the re-creation of Napoleon's tent at Fontainebleau (page 318) was specially made by Prella. Similar (if not identical) indiennes can be made to order from £50 per m approx, depending on the quantity. Ring 00 33 4 72 10 11 40, or visit prelle.fr.



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12 A leopard-print carpet is fierce, regal and gloriously smart, as seen in Napoleon's campaign tent (page 318). Stark has a thrilling range of animal-print carpets, including this 'Leopard (Loop)', from £140 per sq m. Ring 020 7352 6001, or visit starkcarpet.co.uk.



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13 Napoleon's visage graced the original of this porcelain chocolate cup and saucer, made at Sèvres in 1805. The Limoges copy shown here costs £346 approx. Visit boutiquesdemusees.fr.



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14 Bonaparte's campaign furniture (page 318) was both sturdy and light. Richard Wrightman's 'furniture built for travel' is handmade in wood, leather and canvas. We show the 'Chatwin' dining chair (\$2,200). Ring 001 718 707 0217, or visit richardwrightman.com. ▷



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