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The world of
William Curley

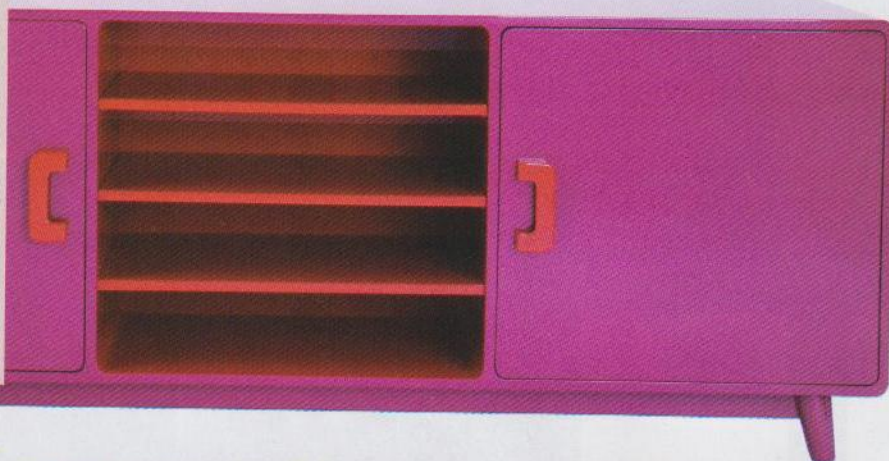


Tuck into Paris
A new gastronomic wave

Bespoke services

The White Allom Studio specialises in bespoke hand-painted contemporary and traditional furniture, hand-finished in their studio. Its team of fine-art-trained artists can recreate wonderful finishes, from faux burr oak or shagreen to a distressed rustic paint finish, as well as high-gloss lacquer. They will also create a wall finish to match furniture (from £40 sq m for a paint finish). Shown here is the brand new Edie hot lilac pink and salmon sideboard, in high-gloss polyester lacquer finish, designed for White Allom Studio by Jane Fredericks (from £4550).

Find them at whiteallomstudio.co.uk, or call 020 7268 7777



This month you should...

plan for summer. Start off with a green portable barbeque (£17.95), from Aspen & Brown's summer collection, 0800 033 6116, aspenandbrown.com ... fill your bathroom with

Marseille pure vegetable oil soaps in seven fragrances (£5.50 each). We love their colourful wrappers, made from origami paper. Find them at Selfridges Fourth Floor Bed and Bath, selfridges.com ... visit L & B, the luxury linen

specialists, who are hosting an exhibition of work from French artisan Francoise

Weill - original furniture made from craft pieces such as felt, butterflies and pastel sticks.

L & B, 6/7 Motcomb Street, SW1X 8JU, 020 7838 9592, london.com



Get online and...

... discover Project Book, an incredibly useful resource. Started by conservation specialist James Mott, the website has set up a National Register of carefully vetted skilled craftsmen and building professionals, from stone and masonry, to plasterwork and roofing, all specialising in services appropriate to the special needs of pre-1919 properties. There is also a constantly updated list of interior products and suppliers, from flooring and tiles, and articles on specialist subjects from conserving decorative plaster to restoring wrought iron.

Find it at projectbook.co.uk, or call on 08445 611 646



New launch

For couch potatoes everywhere, The Conran Shop has come up with the ultimate slouch chair, called The Lazy Bastard. It's available exclusively from The Conran Shop and is a deeply comfortable beanbag that looks like a trendy chair. The cover, which comes in six colours from neutral grey to bright green or turquoise, is filled with polystyrene beans that mould to your shape, and it can be refilled. The Lazy Bastard has been designed by Dutch designer Bertjan Pot.

It costs £995, find it at The Conran Shop, conranshop.co.uk