

# Sourcebook

*Cheer up dull days with jewel coloured wallpaper, furniture and accessories, says Maggie Stevenson. If you like hues with real intensity, glossy lacquer and enamelled surfaces will deliver but for a softer look choose warm tapestry and wool*



**1. Country pursuit** Decorated with a rural scene of horses and hounds, this Vintage porcelain teacup and saucer, and its matching dessert plate, come in luscious tones of claret, purple or dark green, and cost £4.90 each from Zara Home.

**2. Vintage revisited** Mario and Iris Walker rescue neglected Edwardian, Victorian and Georgian furniture from the UK and France and recycle it to make beautiful painted pieces that have authentic period charm. The range of furniture they have available tends to change all the time but stock usually includes tables, consoles, cupboards, dressers and chests of drawers and if you can't visit Walker Restoration's Lincolnshire workshop in person, you can browse and buy the furniture online. Prices start from around £175.

**3. Racing colours** Although they're designed for racehorses these colourful 100% wool Newmarket blankets would look wonderful in a child's bedroom or spare room. Available in the customary gold, red or black stripes, they also come in navy, emerald or sky blue with an attractive blanket stitch edge and measure 180cm by 210cm – just right for a single bed. They cost £29.90 each from Tinsmiths.

**4. Botanical prints** For striking wallpapers with a period flavour, you need look no further than the Trade Routes collection by Zoffany. Inspired by archive designs, it features an all-over animal print, a paisley and six glorious botanical patterns such as Chili Peppers, shown here. Depicting peppers, artichokes and sweet chestnuts the design comes in four different colourways including a silvery neutral and this bold chocolate and teal, £48 per roll.

**5. Front row seat** A little like the dainty gold chairs you see in the front row at Paris fashion shows, these pretty seats are based on a classic French design. Made from sheesham wood finished in black, fuchsia or teal high gloss lacquer, they'd look good around an antique table or, individually, as a decorative piece in the hall, £250, Niki Jones. ▶

