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A CELEBRATION
OF LONDON'S
THRIVING
DESIGN SCENE

At home with
the CAPITAL's
next gen creatives

*The SECRET
interiors SHOPS
you NEED to visit*

DEYAN SUDJIC's
vision of LONDON

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COVER ART
BY MORAG
MYERSCOUGH

GUEST EDITOR'S LETTER

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Design is not just about cool-looking stuff. It's also about the way we live: the way we interact together, the space between us. The pandemic is making us all reassess this, and for designers this means accelerating an emphasis on sustainability. So when I was asked to edit the design issue of *ES*, I wanted to celebrate and bring together the London makers and doers who are most looking to the future. Whether that meant sending out Max Fraser and Mark Cocksedge to capture rising stars Oksana Bondar or Natsai Audrey Chieza at home; arranging for passionate design educator Daniel Charny to discuss his forward-thinking international workshop programme Fixperts with The Design Museum's Priya Khanchandani; or asking Deyan Sudjic OBE to write about why London is the centre of the design universe right now.

More practically, I also wanted to provide an indispensable guide to the best independent and vintage shops in town and highlight the many purveyors of British-made craft out there: products made using responsibly sourced materials with many pieces manufactured in mills or workshops and salvaged from extinction by makers keen to support local skills. These are the places where you can find something built with care and made to last. And perhaps most excitingly for me, the spectacular cover of this issue was made by Morag Myerscough. It sums up what I've tried to do, which is curate a magazine of — yes — cool-looking stuff, but cool-looking stuff that is also inspiring. I hope I have succeeded, and that you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed making it...

Fran

Here are Fran's top five picks of the week

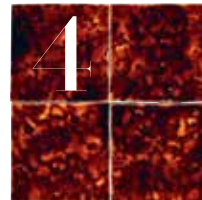


1 THE BOOK
No one likes a bad attitude. Work on yours with this book. *'Design As An Attitude'* by Alice Rawsthorn, £16, at foyles.co.uk

2 THE RUG
A really good case of the blues. Indigo rug, from £3,000 (sussyczalet.co.uk)



3 THE LAMP
A bloomin' blow out! Glass has never been more glorious. *Criss Cross Bloom lamp*, POA (bethanlaurawood.com)



4 THE TILES
A tortoiseshell worth waiting for. *Mottled tiles*, from £8.50 (balineum.co.uk)



5 THE CHAIR
Roll up! Faye Toogood's classic is now eco-friendly. *Roly Poly chair*, £444, at madeindesign.co.uk

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