

Interior design Inside stories



1 Take to the floor

For years, Sinclair Till's Battersea showroom has been one of the best-kept secrets of the interior-design trade and a brilliant source of custom-made carpets, rugs and decorative linoleum. That's now set to change with the opening of a new outpost in Notting Hill at 28, Chepstow Corner, London W2 (020-7792 6949; www.sinclairtill.co.uk), that's fast becoming west London's exciting new design hub with the arrival of Martin Moore, Farrow & Ball, Devon & Devon and, soon, a boutique version of Heal's.

2 Give it some oomph

The interior designer Nina Campbell is opening a second London showroom, this time at the Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour, SW10. It sells a wide range of her distinctive furniture and accessories, including a new collection that's the result of her collaboration with the American furniture brand Oomph. Designs are based on items from her own collection. Prices start at £595 from Nina Campbell,



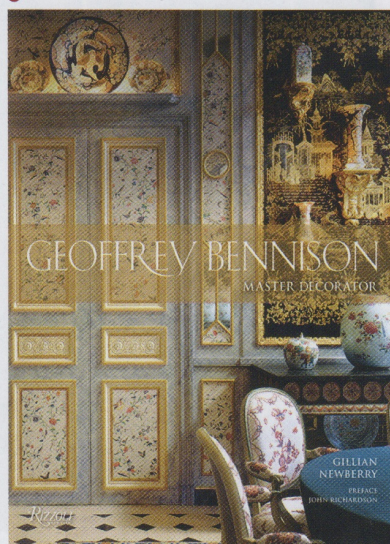
Don't miss

Between May 8 and 11, the **Saatchi Gallery in Chelsea** will be the setting for COLLECT, a showcase of contemporary craft from more than 35 international galleries. There will also be opportunities to get the inside scoop on emerging trends at talks with gallerists, curators and artists. The Saatchi Gallery is at Duke of York's HQ, King's Road, London SW3. For more information on the show, visit www.craftscouncil.org.uk

John Cullen Lighting is holding a masterclass on 'Lighting for the house & garden' on June 10 from 6pm to 8pm at its showroom on King's Road. With the ban on all traditional incandescent bulbs, the class is designed to help people understand how best to build a scheme using LED lights. Tickets cost £35 (020-7371 5400; www.johncullenlighting.co.uk)

Followers of vintage and contemporary furniture and design should head to **Midcentury Show East** on May 17. More than 55 Midcentury dealers will be at Goldfinger's Haggerston School, London E2, from 10am to 4pm (<http://modernshows.com>)

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9, Walton Street, London SW3 (020-7225 1011; <http://shop.ninacampbell.com>).

3 Master decorator

The late Geoffrey Bennison, the antique dealer and decorator who inspired a whole generation of designers, is the subject of a fascinating new book by Gillian Newberry that's just been published by Rizzoli (£35). Illustrated with beautiful examples of his work, which was characterised by exquisite English and French furniture and extravagant textiles (both new and antique), the book offers a fascinating insight into the rarefied circles in which he moved.

4 Looking east

The new Shanghai Garden collection from Designers Guild is one of the most exciting of the new season's launches. Inspired by depictions of Chinese landscapes and gardens, its scale and pretty palette of colours will add drama to any room. To see the whole collection, visit the Designers Guild's store at 267, King's Road, London SW3 (020-7351 5775; www.designersguild.com).

5 New arrival

Good news for anyone who loves exploring the infinite delights of Pimlico Road —furniture and upholstery specialist Amy Somerville has opened a showroom selling her distinctive range of furniture as well as accessories and lighting. It's at 42, Pimlico Road, London SW1 (020-7586 2211, www.amysomerville.com).



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