



From top: 'Andalusia' lamp from Marioluca Giusti; 'Nimbus' sofa from Heal's; 'Kinross' washstand from Catchpole & Rye; 'Ambiance II' fabric by Stroheim at Fabricut;



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■ Based in Florence, bathroom brand Devon & Devon takes its inspiration from the jazz age. 'Boogie', a new addition to its mirror collection, draws on the Art Deco style of New York. Made from chrome, it features a clever pocket-style storage shelf, ideal for smaller spaces. The finish – whether gold, brass or glossy nickel – is high-quality and the hand-crafting refined. Devon & Devon, 77-79 Westbourne Grove, London W2 (020 7221 5137; devon-devon.com).

■ Catchpole & Rye was established thanks to a passion for restoring antique baths. But, in its foundry in Kent, the company also makes reproductions using original craft techniques from a century ago. Pictured here is the outstanding oval marble 'Kinross' basin, which stands on an intricate aged-copper frame. Both items were originally commissioned for Kinross House, near Perth in Scotland. Catchpole & Rye, Chelsea Walk, 282-284 Fulham Rd, London SW10 (020 7361 0940; catchpoleandrye.com).

■ Since 1986 Dale Rogers has been sourcing rare fossils and minerals from all over the world. Visitors to his Pimlico Road showroom will find some of the most beautiful examples of natural history that have formed in the past 450 million years. Seen here is an exquisite example of malachite, which has been used as a gemstone and sculptural material for millennia. It is popular because the colour does not fade over time. It can also be ground to a powder, meaning it can be used as a pigment and colouring agent. Dale Rogers Ammonite, 77 Pimlico Rd, London SW1 (020 7881 0592; dalerogersammonite.com).

■ B&B Italia has opened a flagship showroom on Madison Avenue, New York. (The other one opened in 1976 on Fifth Avenue.) The new space is spread over 800sq m and occupies the whole ground floor of no. 135. The designers behind the project, Antonio Citterio and Patricia Viel, had to take into account the original features of the building, such as the lofty ceilings (which are more than four metres high), paying special attention to the entrance and windows. B&B Italia, 135 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10016 (001 212 889 9606; bebitalia.com).

■ Heal's 'Nimbus' sofa range has been specially designed for the modern living room, with modular components that can be configured to fit any space. Featuring a hardwood beech/birch frame as well as oversized feather/fibre foam seat cushions, the sofa is handmade in Britain using traditional upholstery methods and is available in a range of Heal's fabrics. Heal's, 196 Tottenham Court Rd, London W1 (020 7636 1666; heals.com).

■ Established 60 years ago in New York by Joe Finer and Harry Guterman, Fabricut creates textiles of exceptional quality in a range of styles, from traditional to contemporary. Today the company has grown into one of the largest distributors of decorative fabrics, boasting several different brands under its umbrella, such as Vervain, S. Harris and Stroheim. Today Fabricut stocks over 58,000 different fabrics and trimmings. Ring 001 800 999 8200, or visit fabricut.com.

■ The Westend Bed Company is dedicated to educating clients on how to achieve a good night's sleep. Visitors to its Sheen showroom will find luxury beds and mattresses all under one roof. The company, which houses a large selection of brands including Hypnos and Marshall & Stewart's exclusive 'Diamond' collection, offers a sleep analysis: this helps people find the best support and model of bed to fit their individual needs and preferences. The new showroom is now open. The Westend Bed Company, 215 Upper Richmond Rd West, London SW14 (020 7723 2925; westendbedcompany.com).

■ Marioluca Giusti established his eponymous company in Milan in 2007. The business was born out of a desire to source beautiful items for luxurious residences and super-yachts, created from synthetic materials, including acrylic and melamine. Visitors to the site will find home accessories in various types of 'synthetic crystal', from ice buckets and candlesticks to salad bowls. Seen here is the 'Andalusia' lamp, inspired by the rich architecture and history of this region of Spain. Ring 00 39 055 732 3541, or visit mariolucagiusti.com ■



malachite from Dale Rogers Ammonite; new B&B Italia showroom in New York; 'Boogie' mirror and 'Memphis' basin from Devon & Devon