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Smaller country houses

Miniature magic: Queen Mary's Dolls' House



Singing the blues: spring's colour explosion

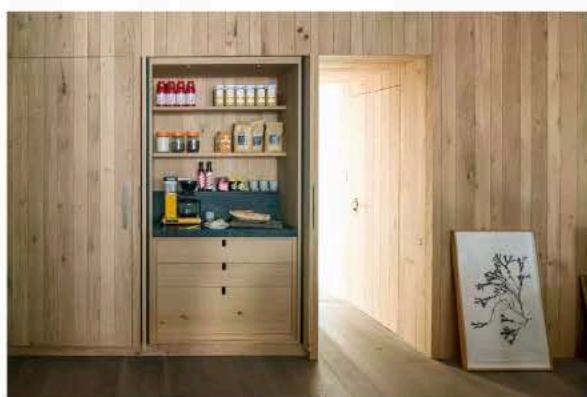
The naked truth: saunas uncovered

Tom Parker Bowles's puds and Wainwright's walks



Cupboard love

Everything—including the kitchen sink—to update your culinary quarters, selected by Amelia Thorpe



▲ Organic tones

From Caesarstone's collection of quartz surfaces, Darcrest is shown here as a pantry countertop in the new Lewes showroom of Sussex-based bespoke kitchen maker Inglis Hall. Darcrest, from £400 per sq m (including installation), is designed to mimic natural stone, but with the consistent durability, scratch resistance and ultra-low porosity of an engineered manmade material (020-8216 6100; www.caesarstone.co.uk)

▲ In store

Known for its atmospheric kitchens, deVOL has opened a new showroom in Bath at 17, George Street. Once a corner shop, it is now home to a small, but imaginative, collection of designs, showcased in an elegant Georgian building. Kitchen prices from £30,000 (01225 308803; www.devolkitchens.co.uk)

▶ Good as new

Blake & Bull 'remanufactures' Aga range cookers, offering a comprehensive refurbishing, re-enamelling and conversion service to prepare them for years more service. This electric four-oven Heritage-style model dates from a design first launched in 1939. It has been re-enamelled in Drop Cloth and costs £13,995 (01225 541006; www.blakeandbull.co.uk)



Interiors



▲ Modern classic

Humphrey Munson has opened an inspirational new flagship store at 583, King's Road, London SW6. Shown here is its new collection of elegant classic-meets-contemporary designs, Spenlow cabinetry painted in Folger Green with island in Soot, finished with brushed-brass details. Kitchen prices from £75,000 (01371 821300; www.humphreymunson.co.uk)

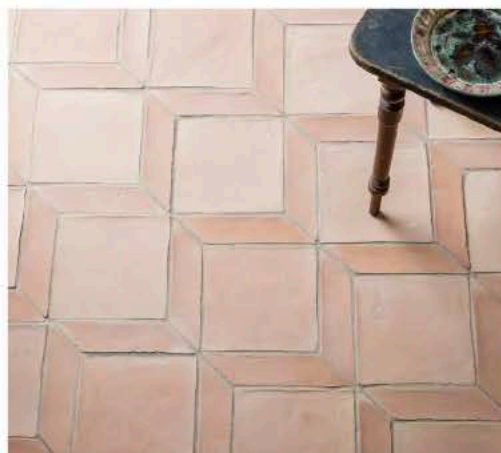
▼ The warmth of wood

This bespoke kitchen in raw band-sawn oak is by Inglis Hall, The Kitchen Maker. Finished with natural stone Belgian Blue and honed Carrara marble worktops, fluted glass and burnished brass details, this is a family-sized space designed for sociable living and entertaining. Kitchen prices from £48,000 (01273 486177; www.inglishall.com)



▲ New meets old

Highland Heather porcelain floor tiles, £82.80 per sq m, feature a stone-effect look inspired by age-old floors found in rural Scottish dwellings with an authentic textured matt finish, from Lapidica (01423 400100; www.lapidica.com)



◀ Enduring appeal

Terracotta floor tiles are a timeless choice, thanks to their warm, earthy hues and natural texture. Here, Alicante Terracotta square, £59.90 per sq m, and chevron tiles, £106.29 per sq m, are laid in an attractive pattern, from Mandarin Stone (01600 715444; www.mandarinstone.com)

▶ Luxe style

Designed to add a note of luxury to kitchen design, Ledbury Studio's Marquetry Collection features cross-laid veneers accented with liquid metal inlays. Here, a second kitchen is hidden behind sliding pocket doors featuring herringbone veneer, liquid bronze inlay and custom aged-bronze handles. Kitchen prices from £70,000 (020-7566 6794; www.ledburystudio.com)

