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## Decorative metals

Charlie Smallbone, founder of Ledbury Studio, has been experimenting with metals and how to incorporate them into his furniture design for a number of years, resulting in the Metallics Collection. Featuring both living (normally an oiled finish) and sealed sheet metals, Charlie recommends using sealed materials in areas of intense wear such as the sink, as the living finish will discolour with use. Shown here (above) are wall units in sealed pewter, with a zinc island finished with concave blasted stainless steel handles. The pantry, wine storage and fridge-freezer (below) feature copper fronts with a living finish. Price on application. ([ledburystudio.com](http://ledburystudio.com))



## Secret switches

Corston Architectural Detail offers a range of clear switches and sockets, designed to discreetly blend into the room. Each switch plate is made from 3mm thick transparent perspex, allowing the colour of the wall to show through. Paired with a bronze or brass dimmer switch or toggle switch, various configurations are available, starting from £30. Clear sockets are priced from £22. ([corston.com](http://corston.com))



## Curve appeal

Matki has launched a range of frameless glass shower enclosures with curved corners. The EauZone Plus Radius-20 is engineered from a single sheet of 10mm glass, curved to achieve a softened edge with a 20mm inner radius. The EauZone Plus (below) has a hinged door design, with sizes ranging from 900mm to 1,600mm across the front, and a choice of 800mm, 900mm or 1,000mm side panel sizes. Enclosures are available with the door hinged from the wall or from a hinge panel. A wet room panel is also optional, offering splash protection whilst avoiding aluminium corner profiles. Price: from £3,100 for a full enclosure excluding installation. ([matki.co.uk](http://matki.co.uk))



## Friendly fires

The Le Feu Ground Wood Bio Ethanol fireplace is ideal for homes without a chimney, heating the room in an eco-friendly way with no odour or smoke. Easy to set up, it comes with a dome, burner and regulator rod and can be positioned anywhere inside the home or in the garden, with a tall tripod stand available in a choice of colours. The Le Feu produces a clean, smokeless heat, emitting the same amount of carbon dioxide as a candle. Interchangeable fittings are available separately, meaning it can hang from the ceiling to save on floor space if desired. Made from cast iron with a powder-coated finish, it produces up to 3.5kW of heat and measures 110cm x 52cm x 35cm with a leg length of 74cm. Price: £1,399. ([cuckooland.com](http://cuckooland.com))

