

First word

“November is for long walks in big coats, roast dinners and snuggling under cosy blankets. I love the wintry feel and the cheer of Christmas approaching”

Tara Bernerd, Head of Design and CEO of Target Living



Saving Knockando

The world's last remaining tweed mill needs your help to stay in business



It's hard to believe that this ramshackle building is actually a working mill, but Knockando Woolmill, in Aberlour, Scotland, has been producing tweed since around 1784, making it the last remaining mill of its type in the world. Much of the machinery is from the 18th century and – although this hasn't hindered Hugh Jones, who has produced tweed here for the past 30 years – it is finally in need of restoration. 'We've already raised over £1.6m but, for the final push, we need to raise another £200,000 by the end of this year,' says Jana Hutt, chairman of the mill. 'This will allow us to continue to produce beautiful cloth and to start making knitting yarn, too.' As well as making the mill a more pleasant place to work, the restoration will also include a small visitors' centre, with a tearoom and shop selling products made at Knockando. Another issue facing the mill is the lack of a skilled workforce to take over its running: 'we're hoping to start apprenticeships, working with local schools and universities to train new generations to use and maintain Knockando; to help keep it young,' Jana explains.

To support Knockando Woolmill Trust visit knockandowoolmill.org.uk or call 01340 810395



Designs we love



Mirror image

If you're fed up with the big black box in the corner of your living room, Simply Mirror TV have designed a high-definition TV set that, when switched off, transforms into a mirror. The company produces designs that fit into traditional interiors, such as this 37in full HD LCD mirror television (around £5,999), surrounded by an antique-style frame.

020 3006 3999; simplymirrortv.co.uk



Catch them while you can

Celebrating 40 years of trading, fashion giant Esprit has launched a 68/08 collection. Available only until the end of this year, the range includes these 'Celebration' metal lamps, which are available in the seven colours of the Esprit logo. They cost £54.65 each from Stocktons.

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Designed to a tea

Watts of London marry classic design and bold, contemporary style in the new 'Perry' collection, inspired by drawings produced in 1874 by George Frederick Bodley, the firm's first chairman. This teapot is decorated using 22 carat gold and costs £119.

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