

DECORATOR'S NOTEBOOK ●



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**1 and 2** Inspired by architectural designs, Farraz Rafikian's luxurious cushions are made from rare, hand-woven and embroidered fabrics. More details from Farraz Rafikian: 117 Garth Road, Suite 1A, Scarsdale, New York, USA (tel: 0101-914-472 5944).

**3** New fabrics and wallpapers from Harlequin's 'Carnaval' collection take their cue from costume designs from Diaghilev's Russian ballet. The cotton fabrics cost from about £18.95 to £20.95 metre, and the wallpapers from £11.95 per 10 metre roll. Stockists from Harlequin: Cossington Road, Sileby, Loughborough, Leics (tel: 0509-816575).



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**4** Drawing inspiration from the traditional Cape Dutch furniture of South Africa and the simple lines of American Shaker design, furniture-maker, Martin Greshoff, produces individual

pieces of appealing originality. The beech table shown here costs about £1,200. Martin Greshoff: 108A Caithness Road, Mitcham, Surrey (tel: 081-687 0233).

**5** Artist, Kate Baden Fuller, produces individual stained-glass works for all settings, from fanlights to door insets, and from reproductions of period pieces to graphic glass in modern style. The fanlight shown here costs about £850. Kate Baden Fuller: 90 Greenwood Road, London E8 (tel: 071-249 0858).



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**6** Using models from original beams, friezes and panels, especially of the Jacobean period, Oakleaf Reproductions specializes in the creation of accurate simulated wood

mouldings. Details from Oakleaf Reproductions: Wilsden, Bradford (tel: 0535-272878), and Bella Figura: 715 Fulham Road, SW6 (tel: 071-371 9147).

**7** Nobilis-Fontan's new wallpaper book, 'Materiaux', takes faux finishes to a new height. Marble, wood, concrete and fossil finishes are all reproduced to incredible standards on 92 or 122 cm papers, sold by the metre, from about £13.80. They are available through selected interior designers. Details from Nobilis-Fontan: 45 Glebe Place, London SW3 (tel: 071-351 7878).



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Furniture maker Martin Greshoff can be commissioned to handcraft **jewellery boxes** of any shape and size. The one below is made from American maple and Brazilian mahogany, and costs £550. Ring him on 081-687 0233.



Spotted pottery by James Burnett Stuart is dishwasher proof, with prices around £12 for the cream jug; milk jug, £18; coffee pot, £38; espresso cup and saucer, £13.50; teacup and saucer, £17.50; small bowl, £12.50; and large bowl, £22. Contact Designers Guild, 271 and 277 King's Road, SW3, 071-351 5775, or ring 081-566 1920 for nationwide stockists.



GP and J Baker's latest Neuchatel Collection consists of Neuchatel fabric (on chair), ref FR1 KO175-430, in fourteen colourways, and Laurent (on footstool), ref FR1 KO174-430, in sixteen colourways. Both cost £32.13 a metre. The curtain and cushion fabric is Roses and Hummingbirds, ref FR5 A1190-05, costing £25.20 a metre. Ring (0494) 471166 for your nearest stockist.

A large display of Baccarat and Lalique crystal can now be seen in the French Crystal Room at Mulberry Hall, Stonegate, York YO1 2AW (0904) 620736. Whether browsing or buying (prices range from £22 to £43,000) the spectacle is well worth a visit.



Mark Rowan restores and decorates antique furniture, such as this beautiful 1860 Austrian armoire with Welsh poppy design, which costs around £1,200. To book an appointment at his showroom in Wales or for further details, ring (055 85) 478. Nationwide delivery is available.





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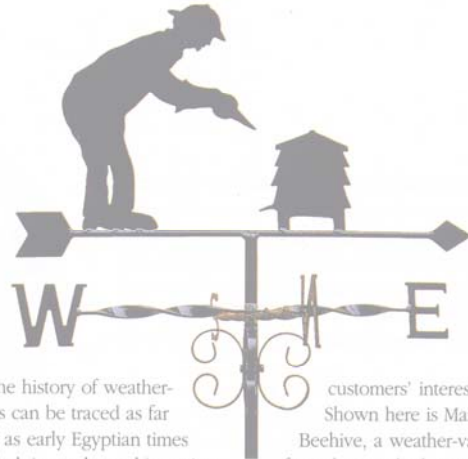

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△ The history of weather-vanes can be traced as far back as early Egyptian times and helping to keep this ancient practice alive today is Dorset-based Graham Smith. Graham is one of very few people in the country to make hand-cut weather-vanes, but although he has over 30 different designs ranging from golfers to dragons, his real love is making one-off designs to reflect his

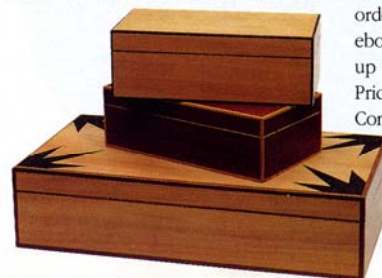
customers' interests. Shown here is Man and Beehive, a weather-vane from the standard range, price £75 plus £6 p and p. All prices include plain fixing brackets – the scroll brackets shown are an optional extra, costing £6. Contact Dorset Weathervanes, 284 Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 9NG, (0258) 453374.

▷ It's not easy to decorate a glass-panelled entrance hall, yet Sesame and Lillies can turn a glass hallway into a kaleidoscope of colour and design. Working to commission, they specialise in hand-painted glass panels in one-off designs. Tapestries, 18th-century wallpaper and Persian friezes are just a few of their sources of inspiration; past projects include a grand Parisian residence and a simple Victorian terrace. Prices range from £300



for a central door panel to around £1000 for complete entrance panelling. Contact Sesame and Lillies, Edmundbyers House Cottage, Edmundbyers, Durham DH8 9NJ, (0207) 55656.

▽ Furniture-maker Martin Greshoff has found an inventive way of recycling offcuts of wood. Using leftover elm, ash and sycamore, combined with other woods, he makes beautiful jewellery boxes to



order. Sometimes inlaid with ebony, each box can take up to a week to produce. Prices start from £60. Contact Martin Greshoff, 108a Caithness Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 2EW, 081-687 0233.