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# INTERIORS

Home is where the heart is, so adorn it with the finest fabrics, furnishings, accessories and art

## Pride of Scotland

On this year's Autumn/Winter12 runways, as designers drew inspiration from *Downton Abbey* with their plaid, corduroy and traditional tailoring take on countryside chic, they were also seen to make subtle use of tartan in their designs. The employment of the checked fabric in fashion has similarly been translated to the world of interiors; Johnston of Elgin's patterned design is inspired by the Scottish Highlands landscape and each throw is made from vicuna and cashmere fibres, making them ideal for snuggling up in the bitter winter months. These throws have been created using a mixture of the finest silk and velvet with floral embroidery to complete the homely look.

£629, available at Harrods, [www.harrods.com](http://www.harrods.com)



## Black Baroque

Alexandra Wolf, a self-taught illustrator, has been creating her own unique products for more than 15 years. Like any true artist, Alexandra sees her artwork as an extension of her personality, drawing on her love of animals, birds, antique books and home décor.



An avid collector, her home is filled with antique treasures. The name and inspiration behind her collection of art prints transpired from a black-framed photograph given to her by her husband as well as her large collection of antique books. Each of Alexandra's art prints features a collage of antique images, displayed on an original page of an antique book with each dating back to the 1800s, making each print one of a kind.

[www.blackbaroque.com](http://www.blackbaroque.com)

## Creature Comforts

Insects and vines are usually the last things that people would want creeping through their homes. However, an exception comes in the form of the wallpaper designs of Timorous Beasties, the Glasgow-based interiors company, which uses all elements of nature as inspiration to create beautiful and unusual wall coverings. The distinctive designs feature unique patterns which depict all manner of creatures, from delicate butterflies to huge bees via thistles and orchids, and all available in a range of bold colours. Nature can now be brought indoors as we await the arrival of new life in spring.

Timorous Beasties Wallpaper,  
from £54 per 10 metre roll, [www.occa-home.co.uk](http://www.occa-home.co.uk)



## Cast a Shadow

Light up your home when the outside world is in darkness this winter with this Niki Jones woodland tealight holder. With its warm gold finish and cut pattern designed to create stunning silhouettes as the flame burns, your room will be transformed into a atmospheric and tranquil sanctuary.

Woodland Tealight Holder in Gold, £12.50  
[www.amara.co.uk](http://www.amara.co.uk)

