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# inspiration

Some of the design effects in this issue, recreated by Grace McCloud




1 Aesthete extraordinaire that he was, Michael Howells knew the value of lavishing attention on the tiniest details: take the trimming on his sofa (page 107). With florets, twists and braiding, Houles's 'Duchesse 33162-9450', £243.60 per m, offers a dash of domestic drama that the man himself would have no doubt commended. Ring 01382 836822, or visit houles.com.




2 A bronze head of Hypnos, the Greek god of sleep, presides over the bathroom (page 111) in Michael Howells's west London home, wings spreading from his temples. A replica of a fourth-century piece in the British Museum, it's sold in the institution's shop at £650. Ring 020 3073 4970, or visit britishmuseumshoponline.org.

3 Gleaming gold lampshades steal the scene in the late production designer's London sitting room (page 107). Urbanest's 25cm drum-shaped version (£46.99) is just as shiny and chic – and so gets five stars from us. Visit wayfair.co.uk.

4 A bath-side chair is the perfect place for one's towel, book or, in Michael Howells's case, torador cape (page 111). With similar carved bobbins, Balineum's 'Edwin' trolley (from £2,400), designed with bathrooms in mind, is an excellent substitute. We'll leave the cloak to you. Ring 020 7431 9364, or visit balineum.co.uk.




5 The designer's sofa – a deep armless number in cherry-red silk satin – caught our eye on page 107. For comparable comfort with cochineal appeal, why not use Dedar's 'Mademoiselle 31' (£187 per m) to upholster George Smith's fixed-back 'Brompton' settee (from £3,900)? *Et voilà!* Ring George Smith on 020 7384 1004, or visit georgesmith.com. Visit dedar.com.

6 A sunny yellow Welsh tapestry blanket – gorse 'Knot Garden' by Melin Tregwynt, to be precise – brightens up Michael Howells's bedroom (page 108). A 1.2 x 2m version of this 1950s archival design in lamb's-wool is all yours for £165. Ring 01348 891288, or visit melintregwynt.co.uk.

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