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Rise and shine

Why things are finally looking up for Michelle Williams

SHATTERED ISLAND

Dispatches from Haiti a year after the quake

UNDERCOVER SHOP

Mary Portas goes incognito to expose customer disservice

FOOD & HOME

In search of the perfect olive; a house that sails close to the wind

Design notebook by David Nicholls



PIPING HOT There is a real trend at the moment for upholstered furniture to feature piping and buttons in colours that contrast with the main fabric covering. It's a detail that can instantly give a modern edge to an otherwise traditional style. A case in point is this handmade Milo sofa by Nuttall. The handsome three-seater has been covered in the checked Harris range by the luxury textiles manufacturer Loro Piana and given a contemporary twist with orange piping around the cushions and pads. It costs £6,100 (020-7584 8989; nuttallhome.com).



STOOLS OUT For five years Corin Mellor has been the creative director of the company that his father, the late industrial designer David, founded in 1954. The business is best known for its cutlery, but in his time Corin has introduced glassware and wood utensils. Now he is adding furniture in the form of these plywood stools, which he designed in 1996 and has put back into production after a 10-year break. Made from European beech veneers and finished with a durable lacquer, the large stool costs £115, the child's version £48 (01433-650220; davidmellordesign.co.uk).

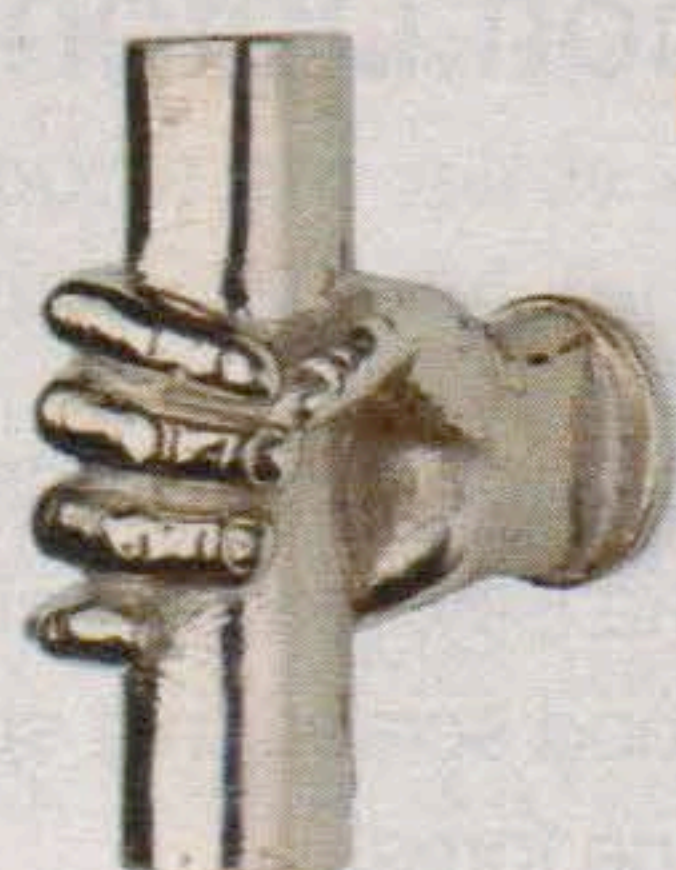
COOL FOR IKAT

The rug designer Luke Irwin is best known for his contemporary creations, but his new Ikat collection captures the look and feel of a centuries-old tradition. The rugs are made from wool and silk that have been coloured in the traditional tie-dye method before being hand-woven. They cost from £300/sq m and are available at Irwin's new store, 22 Pimlico Road, London, SW1 (020-7730 6070; lukeirwin.com).



TOOLED UP

Working with the publisher Taschen, Charlotte and Peter Fiell were behind classic coffee table titles such as *1000 Chairs*. Now they are going it alone with their own publishing house. *Tools for Living*, one of Fiell's first books, takes us on a detailed tour of what the pair see as the ultimate examples of product design. There is also information on where to buy the pieces, which are all still in production. In this respect, it's rather like a nicely illustrated shopping list for modern design enthusiasts. £29.95 (fiell.com).



MADE IN BRITAIN

The Hand and Bamboo range of door and cupboard handles is made by a small family-run foundry in the south of England. They were commissioned by Soane, which recently won a prestigious Walpole award in recognition of its investment in quality British manufacturing. The handles are cast in brass and come in three finishes: dark bronze, polished nickel and antiqued brass. Cupboard handles (left) cost £190, door handles from £260 (020-7730 6400; soane.co.uk).