



THE OBJECT Morsø wood-burning stove

Danish company Morsø makes beautiful wood-burning stoves. Timeless but modern, efficient yet cosy, a stove is a chic alternative to an open fire and is much, much greener. The cast-iron Morsø 7648, £1,825, is a particularly good-looking beast with its extra large door, all the better to see the flames. To complete the look, the company also sells a selection of contemporary fire tools and log holders (01788 554410; www.morsoe.co.uk).

THE BARGAIN
Geoffrey Drayton sale

Swanky lifestyle store Geoffrey Drayton is holding a huge four-day warehouse sale starting on October 8. It promises to be a fantastic opportunity to find a bargain. With up to 80 per cent taken off furniture and lighting, the store on Hampstead Road, London NW1 will be fit to bursting with ex-display pieces, discontinued lines and damaged stock. All the big names – B&B Italia, Vitra, Ligne Roset, Magis and many more – will be there. This Eros chair by Philippe Starck, for Kartell, for example, is down from £306 to £92 (www.geoffreydrayton.com).



OUTSIDE EDGE

Waterproof-backed cotton garden kneeler, £32, Anorak (www.anorakonline.co.uk).



TRADE SECRET

Niki Jones
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Who is she? Creative director of this new, self-named e-boutique, textile designer Jones has created something a little bit special. Bone-inlay pieces from India, hand-embroidered Uzbek-inspired cushions, dainty French-style dining chairs – the website is a treasure trove of mouthwatering pieces made by craftspeople from all over the world. **What's so special?** All of it! But forced to choose, the Zian bed, above, £1,299, is hard to beat. Hand-crafted and painted in Rajasthan, and scattered with Moroccan black and ecru bolsters and bedding, it's the stuff sweet dreams are made of.



The sociology of sofas

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CAROLINE ROUX

This week: architectural salvage

If the media is to be believed, buying and selling houses has given way, temporarily at least, to improving the ones we have. For some, this means replacing the worn-out seagrass matting and a trip to B&Q. But for others, it entails a visit to the architectural-salvage specialists to find the perfect ceramic floral-motif door handle, and work out if it is a Belfast, butler's or poacher's sink that is best for the period scullery.

If you've never experienced the joys of an architectural salvage store, it's not a bad place to spend a rainy Saturday afternoon. With its enamelled lamp shades, reclaimed flooring, full-height granite pillars and marble fireplace-surrounds, it's like Heal's through the looking glass. Currently, at Lassco, London SW8, you can purchase, should you have the readies (not to mention the

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reinforced ceiling), the ten-arm chandelier that graced Fawsley, the home of Norman St John-Stevass.

However, it is more likely that, having been tempted to interior greatness by the historic finery, and rubbed shoulders with interior designers on shopping trips with other people's money, you'll instead pop into the real Heal's for some new cushions on the way home. ■