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## STRIPE A POSE

Vincent Darré's strikingly  
decorated apartment in Paris

**DUNROBIN DECLUTTERED** Heirlooms  
from the 189-room Highland castle go to auction







# inspiration

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



1 Drawn to the curtain cleverly standing in for a headboard in a Kentish bedroom (page 149)? You'll need a pole nonpareil. Gauthier & Cie is your go-to. From top: 'D40MM' with faceted 'Louis XVI' finial and 'Louis XVI Hauteur' rosette (from £610 approx); 'D50MM' with 'Pine' finial and 'Louis XVI' rosette (from £2,835 approx). Ring 00 33 1 55 78 25 10, or visit [gauthiercompagnie.com](http://gauthiercompagnie.com).



2 Brush-wielding monks willing to whip up some painted panelling, similar to that from the Steels' drawing room (page 143), are far from common these days. Happily, Alasdair Peebles – no novice, in both senses – is on hand to help. Praise be! Prices from £1,200. Ring 07752 031245, or visit [alasdairsteebles.com](http://alasdairsteebles.com).



3 Hung against a mirror, a crystal-dropped wall light glints above the basin in Sophia Steel's bathroom (page 147). While antiques are always an option, for the sparkliest of sconces buy new. Christopher Wray leads the way with 'Celeste', from £345 – a perfect match when it is paired with a small rattan shade. Pooky's costs £26. Visit [christopherwray.com](http://christopherwray.com). Visit [pooky.com](http://pooky.com).



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4 Though the damask covering is discontinued, you can still get your hands on a sofa with the stature of that filling the Steels' drawing room (page 140). You'll need 19.5m of fabric to cover George Smith's standard-arm cushion-back 'Signature' (from £6,482). Ring 020 7384 1004, or visit [georgesmith.com](http://georgesmith.com).



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5 Mr Gollut has a gift for finding old textiles, such as the embroidered floral making up a blind in his client's bathroom (page 147). In search of similar? Try Beaumont & Fletcher, whose designs come in a range of fabrics that can be dyed any colour. 'Octavia' on silk costs £3,300 per m. Ring 020 7352 5594, or visit [beaumontandfletcher.com](http://beaumontandfletcher.com).

6 Supermarket sweep isn't our favourite game, unless, that is, we are shopping at Monkeybiz. Its 'Groceries' range features All Gold tomato sauce, Marmite and, seen on page 128, Heinz ketchup. Prices start at £95 approx. Ring 00 27 21 424 8263, or visit [monkeybiz.co.za](http://monkeybiz.co.za).





7 There's nothing worse than admiring something, only to hear it was an auspicious auction find. And while Barbara Weiss's red swing-arm lamp was just that (page 121), we're thrilled to say that we've found a remake: Hector Finch's 'Tom' comes in ten colours and costs £690. Ring 020 7731 8886, or visit [hectorfinch.com](http://hectorfinch.com).

8 Do you want to know a secret? Barbara Weiss used an Ikea carcass for her kitchen, souping it up with different doors (page 119). Superfront, dedicated to this particular kind of design hack, are specialists across plain and patterned MDF fronts, sides and tops for frames from the Scandinavian leviathan. Prices start at £28 for a cabinet door. Ring 00 46 8 68 44 18 14, or visit [superfront.com](http://superfront.com).

9 Partial to parterre? Keen on green? It's obvious that Vincent Darré is, having picked a carpet that is laid out like a formal garden for his kitchen (page 103). Thanks to Casa Lopez, you too can bring the outside in: 'Normandie' costs £915 approx. Visit [casalopez.com](http://casalopez.com).

10 Among the many Darré designs dotted around his domestic mise-en-scène, the newer ones steal the show: a 'Gemelli' vase (page 101), a 'Lyric' console and a 'XIV' mirror (page 102). All were created for a collection at Oka, launching on 1 March. Prices from £495. Visit [oka.com](http://oka.com).

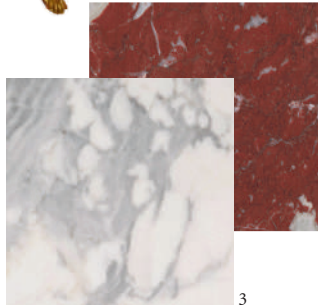
11 Vincent Darré sleeps in a 'golden royal bed', its crowning glory the rather regal fabric he's covered it with: Jim Thompson's 'Enter the Dragons' (page 106), crawling with imperial beasts. The textile – £82 per m from Fox Linton – comes in six colours. Ring 020 7368 7700, or visit [foxlinton.com](http://foxlinton.com).

12 Those looking for intaglios akin to Dunrobin Castle's on page 134 are able to breathe a sigh of relief: Bridie Hall's 'Roman Emperor' cases (£475 each) have all the presence (if not the provenance) of those by Pietro Paoletti. Ring Pentreath & Hall on 020 7430 2526, or visit [pentreath-hall.com](http://pentreath-hall.com). ▷





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1 The margravine's Midas-touched mirror room suggests that golden garnishes were her guiltiest pleasure (page 88). She prayed in penance for her profligacy, but we at *WoI* don't much go for hair shirts. We do, however, rather like English Georgian's pair of Chinese appliques (£2,237) – and think Sibylla Augusta may have too. Ring 020 7351 4433, or visit [englishgeorgian.com](http://englishgeorgian.com).

2 What better way to reflect the glory of Schloss Favorite than with a multifaceted mirror (page 90)? Whether a castle or a cottage, any *WoI* reader's schemes are worthy of such celebration. Try Beliani's 'Habay' looking-glass, yours for £239. Ring 020 3318 8222, or visit [beliani.co.uk](http://beliani.co.uk).

3 For chequerboard floors, red is the new black. Don't believe us? Square in on Schloss Favorite's Sala Terrena (page 95), and then contact Lapidica. Combining Rosso Francia and Arabescato marbles costs £395 per sq m. Ring 01423 400100, or visit [lapidica.com](http://lapidica.com).

4 Perhaps you *can't* have too much of a good thing. Take the abundance of the schloss. Our fave in Le Favorite? The painted panels in the margrave's study (page 94). Such magnificence is the stock in trade of De Gournay. 'Chatsworth Chinoiserie' costs from £942 per panel. Ring 020 7352 9988, or visit [degournay.com](http://degournay.com).

5 Whale carpaccio? Challenging, even for us. Our favoured Nordic flavour is more furniture-based: the set of antique carved chairs round the table on page 153. Luckily for us, Gustavian serves up a strikingly similar one. 'Stockholm Rococo' costs £440. Ring 020 7060 2680, or visit [gustavian.com](http://gustavian.com).

6 It's back to basics at Michel Guyot's priory: Medieval materials, traditional tools and just a chamberstick to read by in the primitive dormitory (page 112). Spellbound by the simplicity? Scumble Goosie can take you back a century (or nine) with this chamber candle, £15. Ring 01453 731305, or visit [scumblegoosie.com](http://scumblegoosie.com) ■