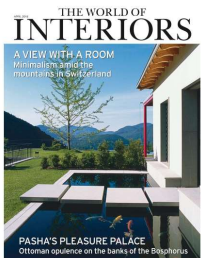


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as well as black, plus an optional monogram in one of three hues. Prices start at £16 approx for a salad bowl. Ring 00 33 2 38 05 21 50, or visit gien.com.

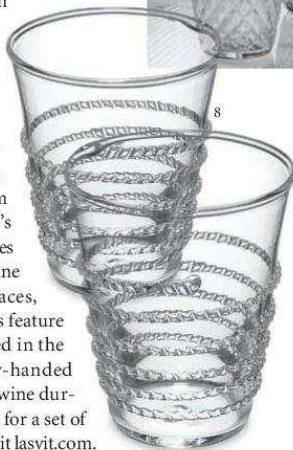
6 As it nears its 100th birthday, flooring firm Fornace Brioni is navigating the future with architect Cristina Celestino at the helm of its design department. Drawing on the company's expertise in handmade *cotto* and historic surfaces, she's created the 'Gonzaga' collection, which includes 'Te' (left) and 'Bibiena' floor tiles; from £177 approx per sq m. Ring 00 39 0376 58142, or visit fornacebrioni.it.



7 Drop anchor at We Love Cushions for its 'Tate - St Ives' range of covers, on which are reproduced paintings by Alfred Wallis, the Cornish artist much admired by Ben Nicholson and co; from £26.99 each. Ring 020 8801 5491, or visit welovecushions.co.uk.



8 When not heading up the ceramics and porcelain atelier at Prague's Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design, Maxim Věčovský dons his art director's hat at Lasvit. His 'Muster' glasses (top) come with a choice of nine different kaleidoscopic surfaces, while his 'Neo-Gothic' vessels feature protrusions, the kind devised in the Middle Ages to allow greasy-handed nobles to keep a grip of their wine during feasts. Both cost from £90 for a set of two. Ring 020 7490 2004, or visit lasvit.com.



9 Launching his own collection of furniture, Thomas Haarmann of Magazyn dreamed big. His five larger-than-usual items include a sofa (from £8,750) and armchair (from £3,950) in which sitters can lose themselves. Ring 00 32 3 226 66 06, or visit magazyn.be.



10 C&C Milano's mastery of linen is lately evident in 'Fragranze': a range of bed, table and bathroom products edged with a brushstroke-like stripe in eight Mediterranean-inspired hues. Prices start at £42 for a napkin. Ring 020 3583 3303, or visit cec-milano.com. ▷

