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## Dream kitchen

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# You *can* afford your perfect kitchen

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## Mindful designs

The Japanese concept of Ikigai is all about simplicity and finding happiness in everyday life. And as Japan's answer to the Danish Hygge hype is set to be one of this year's biggest interior trends, Maison C's latest wallpaper collection, named Tancho, has come at just the right time. Featuring Japanese cranes, a symbol of luck and longevity, the collection comes in four colourways: Mahogany, Taupe, Petrol and Sage (as shown). All rolls have been produced using eco-friendly paper and inks. Available exclusively from George Spencer Designs, priced £244 per sq m.

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## Hi-tech fitting

Franke's newest hot-water tap features nifty digital controls. The Minerva Electronic 4-in-1 in chrome offers instant 100°C filtered water at the touch of a, now digital, button. Simply press the dial to 'wake up' the tap and select the red light for instant boiling water. Push the dial twice while in red mode and two litres of boiling water will automatically be dispensed – good for filling pans ready for cooking. The design is also suitable for low-pressure systems and smaller spaces as the storage tank can fit neatly behind a plinth. It is priced £1800.

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## 60 seconds with...



**Helen Hallam**

The textile designer tells us about launching her debut home furnishings collection of cushions, table runners, trays, and prints.

### What inspires your designs?

I paint all of my designs using watercolour in my garden studio at home in Bedford. The vibrant colours and beauty of nature surrounding me there are a great source of ideas.

### What made you decide to launch your own collection?

For years I worked as a textile designer for other companies – including Designers Guild – and as the 'ghost artist' for many furnishing collections, which has been fun. I left to pursue a career as an independent designer, because I wanted the creative freedom to develop my own style.

### How would you describe your own personal style?

An eclectic mix of old and new. I love mid-century modern and contemporary styles. At home I try to create a relaxed atmosphere for family living by using neutral tones for walls and floors, then adding bold colour through home accessories that can easily be updated.

### What is the best way to mix and match patterns in the bedroom?

I think the bedroom is much more than a room to sleep in. It should be a haven of relaxation after a busy day. It is a wonderful room in which to experiment with pattern, such as a wallpaper feature wall with bright and textured cushions and blankets. Don't be afraid to mix it up – combine a geometric with a floral print, and try small simple patterns with bold ones.

### What's next for you?

I'm excited to work on a new collection of wallpaper – watch this space!

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**1** Trewyn garden teal cushion, from £59.

**2** Kew Blossom pink cushion, from £51.

**3** Kynance 38cm tray, £38.

