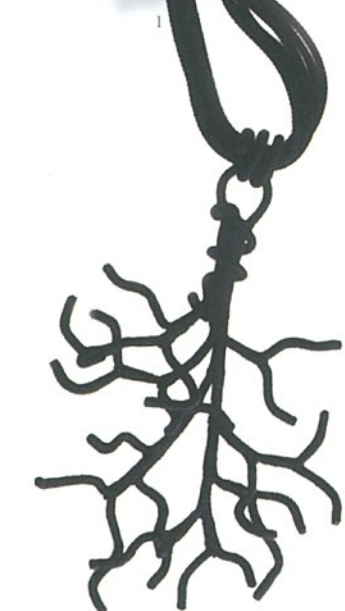


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What's in the air this month, edited by Faye Toogood



1 The deep sea is taking the interiors world by storm as decorators experiment with a new wave of shell and coral accessories. In line with this new vogue and in keeping with his Rocaille taste, shell specialist Thomas Boog has created a coral-branch tieback for passementiers Declercq. The design, covered in red, orange, purple or black silk braid, costs £500 approx and is available through Pierre Frey. The company has also recently launched a new collection of Forties-inspired satins by Alberto Pinto, including this 'Gary' stripe and 'Marlene' feather garland (from £77.50 per m). 251 Fulham Rd, London SW3 (020 7376 5599).

2 Intrigued by the classic but delicate shape of a candlestick found at a junk market, Ted Mueling set about making his own version. The result is the 'Rococo' candlestick. Created using 19th-century spinning and casting techniques, it is made up of three interchangeable shapes: the egg, trumpet and rod. You can put together 17 different styles and combinations. Available in oxidised bronze or pumiced silver, the candlesticks cost from \$120 each. From ER Butler (001 212 925 3565).

3 Moissonnier's furniture collection is so glamorous that even the Ritz in Paris could not resist kitting out the lobby with a few of its designs. Founded in 1885, the company offers copies of over 50 different 17th- to 19th-century antiques. All the pieces – including this Louis XV-style black-lacquer and gilt commode (£4,970 approx) – is crafted using centuries-old cabinet-making techniques. For pink lacquered cabinets, red faux-bamboo side tables and gilt desks, ring 00 33 1 42 61 84 88.

4 Osborne & Little's new collection of wallpaper is a contemporary interpretation of Japanese decoration and ornament. The flat, illustrative quality of this 'Asuka' design – clusters of yellow blossoms set against a background of gold leaves – is reminiscent of decorative lacquered screens from the 18th century. Available in four colours, priced £27 per 10m roll. Osborne & Little, 304 King's Rd, London SW3 (020 7352 1456).