

# HOMES & ANTIQUES

## Vintage chic

Beautiful high street buys  
for pretty, eclectic style

**2-for-1**  
On vintage  
& antique  
fairs

*Exclusive*

### ANTIQUES COVERAGE

Mantel clocks, propelling  
pencils and Chinese plates

### CELEBRATE OUR CERAMICS HERITAGE

How Stoke pottery is poised for a comeback

## Antiques Roadshow is back!

ALL THE FUN OF THE NEW SERIES, BY FIONA BRUCE

### THE H&A GUIDE TO FLOORING

The latest looks and  
how to use them

## Idyllic homes

FROM A WELSH COUNTRY RETREAT  
TO A SLICE OF FRENCH CHIC

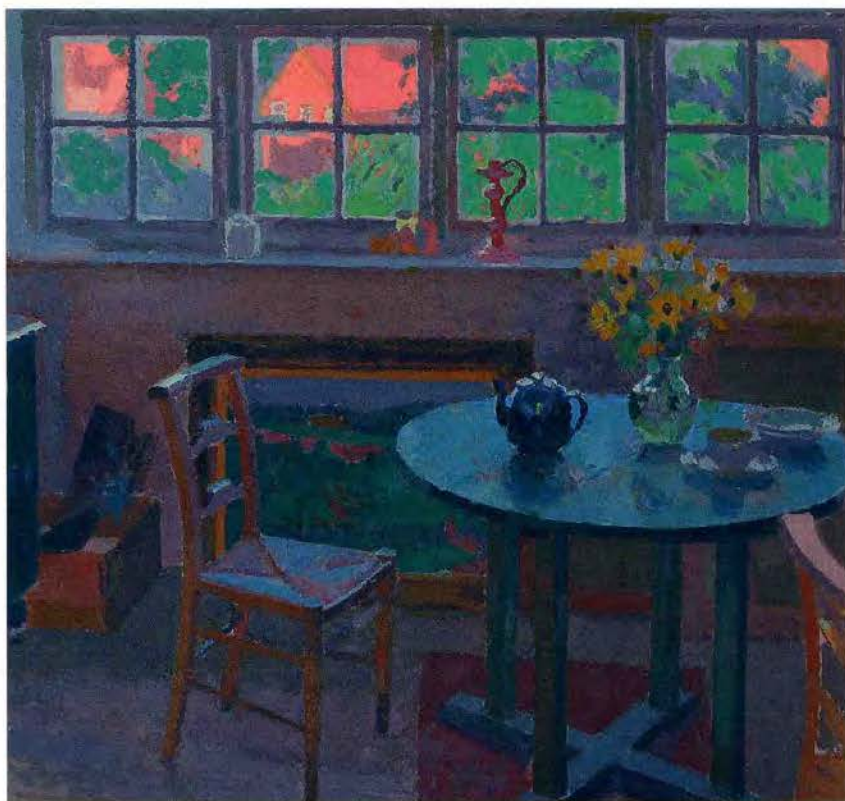


# NEWS

## FIRST WORD

‘October is one of the richest months of the year. I’m influenced by autumnal colours as the trees are changing to a palette of coppers and reds.’

**Bodo Sperlein, designer**



## Art Saved

WORDS KATIE HALLETT; IMAGE WILLIAM RATCLIFFE'S ESTATE

From Titian's *Diana and Actaeon* and Raphael's *Madonna of the Pinks* to Susie Cooper ceramics, the Art Fund's new Art Saved website allows you to peruse the 860,000-plus works it has helped saved for the nation since its inception in 1903. So far so good, but what's really interesting is that the website allows you to browse by themes, from mythological and religious to literary

and still life. So clicking on 'domestic', for example, brings up 30 beautiful, little-known glimpses into our lives through the ages – such as William Ratcliffe's serene depiction of a cottage interior painted in 1914 (above) – along with details of the artist, the painting and where to see it. A lovely, gentle way to discover new art from your home. [artfund.org/artsaved](http://artfund.org/artsaved)

## DESIGNS WE LOVE

A sneak preview of the London Design Festival

### I SEE THE LIGHT

This handblown Murano glass lamp base from Mediterraneo, £1,920, can be seen at Decorex. 020 7720 6556; [mediterraneodesign.com](http://mediterraneodesign.com)



### TURNING JAPANESE

Spina's fun 'Kokeshi' Japanese silk doll family (from £116 each) are at Decorex. 020 7328 5274; [spinadesign.co.uk](http://spinadesign.co.uk)



### SILKY SMOOTH

We love the 'Patience' silk collection from The Silk Gallery, which debuts at Decorex. £99 per m. 020 7351 1790; [thesilkgallery.com](http://thesilkgallery.com)



### A BIT ON THE SIDE

See Decorex's 'Hondrum' side table (£1,265) at Focus. 020 7349 9777; [decorusfurniture.co.uk](http://decorusfurniture.co.uk)



### PURPLE HAZE

Take a seat at Decorex with Nina Campbell's 'Mabel' chair, £2,524. 020 7225 1011; [ninacampbell.com](http://ninacampbell.com)



Decorex, 0844 557 2306; [decorex.com](http://decorex.com).  
Focus, 020 7225 9101; [designcentre.chelseaharbour.com](http://designcentre.chelseaharbour.com)