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STYLE IN THE CITY

INSPIRATIONAL HOMES
IN LONDON, PARIS,
ANTWERP & CAPE TOWN



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DECORATING FOR WINTER

EASY



COPY THAT

Hatta Byng suggests ways to recreate the look of the houses featured in this issue



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1 DO-IT-YOURSELF: GILDING

1 **Stuart R Stevenson** (020-7253 1693; www.stuartstevenson.co.uk) supplied all the gilding materials in Julia de Bierre's flat. Real gold leaf costs from £14.65 for a book of 25 sheets - six-and-a-quarter books are needed to cover one square metre - but the 'metal' or aluminium leaves are a more affordable substitute.

2 SPECIALIST: ANTIQUE LIGHTING

Julia's flat is filled with graceful antique chandeliers, wall lights and lamps. Start your own search at **Norfolk Decorative Antiques** (01328-856333; www.norfolkdecorativeantiques.co.uk) which has a good selection on its website - including this pair of early-twentieth-century cast-brass and ormolu chandeliers, 85 x 65cm, £5,650. The company also provides a nationwide restoration, repair, cleaning and installation service.

3 SOURCE: MIRROR

3 To commission something similar to Julia's elegant Venetian mirror and table, visit **Mediterraneo** (020-7720 6556; www.mediterraneodesign.com), which works with Murano craftsmen who hand-cut, bevel, engrave, paint and silver the mirrors in the traditional Venetian way. Bespoke designs make up the bulk of their work - an example of this craftsmanship is the 'Violetta' engraved and bevelled mirror, 102 x 60cm, £15,910 to order.

4 SOURCE: PARQUET

4 Spotted Julia's wood floor? **Victorian Woodworks** (020-8534 1000; www.victorianwoodworks.co.uk) can achieve exactly this kind of look. Its hand-finished 'Reclaimed Antique Oak', laid in a classic chevron pattern, costs £322 a square metre.

