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PATTERNED BATHROOMS  
STYLISH HOME OFFICES

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## PATTERN & COLOUR

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SOLUTIONS FOR  
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# occa-home.co.uk

Kate Mooney's website offers hotel furniture and accessories that her customers can enjoy at home



## HOW DID OCCA-HOME COME ABOUT?

In 2003, I set up a design company with my business partner Wendy Clark, who specialised in interior design for hotels all over the world. We often got calls from people who've stayed in a hotel and seen something they love – a lamp, a chair or a mirror – but can't find it in the shops. There is obviously a real demand for hotel-exclusive products, so in October 2009 I launched occa-home.co.uk. It sells products that we would use in our boutique hotel projects, but that aren't always available on the general market.

## TELL US MORE ABOUT THE ITEMS YOU SELL

We have developed a range of over-sized furniture, floor lamps, throws, cushions and even bathroom fittings that

we've made to us, as well as offering products by more mainstream designer names. They're items you would come across in the world's best hotels and range from the rather expensive (but worth it) to the really affordable.

## HOW CAN PEOPLE TELL WHAT WORKS TOGETHER?

When put together these styles inspire customers. Comfort, Fancy and Fun! By looking at the entire boards on the website, customers will quickly understand which style they feel most comfortable with.

## WHICH MOST REFLECTS YOUR OWN STYLE?

A little bit of Fancy mixed with Fun is probably the best way to describe my home, which is an Edwardian gem. Our living and dining rooms are quite fancy, but our kitchen is very contemporary.

## WHAT ELSE DOES YOUR WEBSITE OFFER?

Our blog and its Designed Data section are great sources of information. There are interior guides to travel agents, brands and product launches as well as those for guides. If you see something in a magazine and don't know where to get it, we will source it for you.

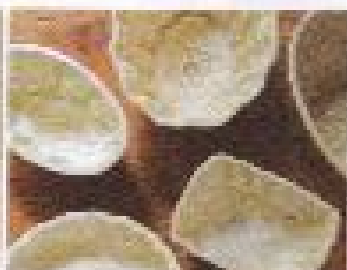
## WERE YOU NERVOUS ABOUT THE RECESSION?

It made us very aware that we needed to deliver so much value for money. In this economic climate people are looking for the best quality they can get for their money, and our experience and advice can help them achieve that. Well-considered design can cost more – but it does have the advantage of being timeless.



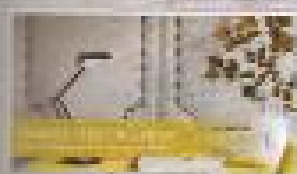
## THEVINTAGEWEDDINGLIST.CO.UK

It could be a wedding list with a difference or want to try something more personal than the standard, basic cake, eggs and toasts for someone special, or wedding favours for as little as a few pence. Our hand-picked selection of antiques come from 19th and 20th-century catalogues and includes silver, ceramics, textiles and glassware. All gifts arrive beautifully wrapped with messages written on luggage labels.



## HOMESANDGARDENS.COM

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Thinking of updating your home this year? Then discover new ideas for decorating schemes in our Inspiration Gallery. With more than 120 living rooms, 90 bedrooms and 40 kitchens, you're bound to find the perfect design at homesandgardens.com/gallery. And, if you are

looking for help with a decorating dilemma, our expert Celia Ruffy may have the answer at homesandgardens.com/problem.

Have you been searching high and low for hunting or a chunky doorstop?

This lavender-scented pyramid, £32, could be the answer. At pinsandribbons.co.uk find an impressive range of practical yet pretty products, all in floral, gingham, striped and spotted fabrics. ▶

