

A chat with...



Lee Broom

KBB catches up with the award-winning British designer to talk about his capsule collection of limited-edition pieces for Wedgwood

Words: **Sophie Baylis**

How did the Wedgwood collaboration come about?

Wedgwood contacted me just over three years ago and asked if I would be interested in designing a collection. The idea was for me to create a range of limited-edition vases using its iconic Jasperware. Hardly any designers have touched Jasperware over the years, so I was excited at the prospect of creating my own interpretation of something we know so well. It was fascinating working with the team and the factory to understand the meticulous processes and craftsmanship involved in making the pieces.

How did your interpretation of the Jasperware take shape?

During my time in the archives, I looked at a lot of Jasperware silhouettes from different periods. I was struck initially by the Panther vase – its black and white stripes already have a sense of timelessness and modernity – so I used this as the starting point for the collection. I wanted to retain the classic Wedgwood silhouette but strip back the ornamentation, which immediately gave the vase a more contemporary feel. I then looked at combining the graphic stripes with elements such as vibrant colours and high-gloss

lacquered textures, which starkly juxtapose the very matt biscuit finish of the traditional Jasperware. The collection has quite a post-modern aesthetic to it, which I think complements Wedgwood well.

What does working with Wedgwood mean to you?

Wedgwood is a brand that people know across the world. Plus, the history and heritage of Wedgwood and Stoke-on-Trent is so important to the UK and UK manufacturing. The company has a heritage and vision that resonates with what we do at Lee Broom and working with Wedgwood gave me the opportunity to operate at the highest level of ceramic production.

What are your hopes for this limited edition?

It's great to be a part of Wedgwood's rich history and I really hope Wedgwood by Lee Broom pieces become collectors' items in the future, especially as they are limited edition and this year marks the 10th anniversary of my own brand.

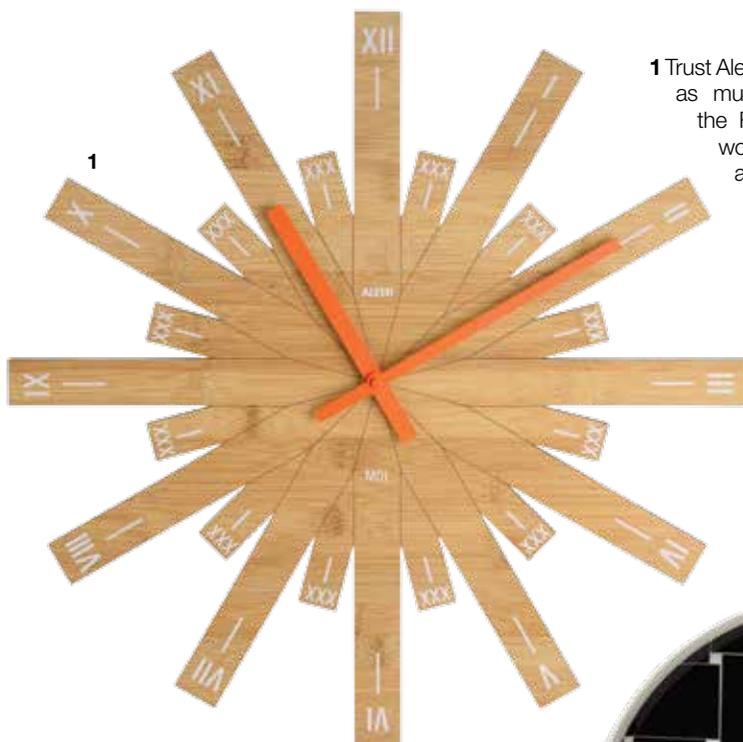
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The Wedgwood by Lee Broom collection is exclusive at Harrods in numbers of 15 per piece. These strictly limited editions start from £7500.

New this month...

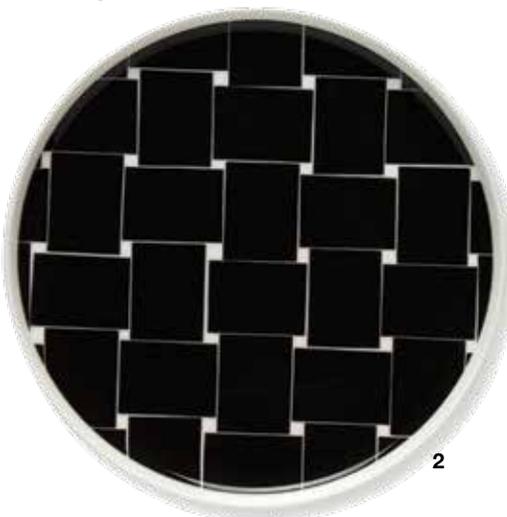
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1 Trust Alessi to put a stylish spin on something as mundane as timekeeping. We think the Raggiante clock made in bamboo wood by Michele de Lucchi will make a feature of any wall it is hung on. Priced £159.

**020 7518 9091 or
www.alessi.com**

2 Finnish design house Marimekko serves up another generous helping of its distinctive, timeless style for summer. Taking our fancy is the black and white pattern featured on this Oiva/Basket stoneware plate, £20 at Amara. **0800 587 7645 or
www.amara.com**



3 A Victorian candle light may be the inspiration for the new Stoned table light by Buster + Punch, but its functionality is bang up to date, using a fraction of the energy of a conventional light bulb and designed to last more than 27 years. Stoned is available in polished white marble (shown) or honed black granite and costs £295.

**020 7407 0888 or
www.busterandpunch.com**



Take three... Decorative cushions



Above: Liberty London's debut home collection doesn't disappoint. Inspired by founder Arthur Liberty, who travelled the world to bring back exotic treasures to sell in his London store, the Elysian Paradise velvet cushion honours Liberty's globetrotting with tropical prints. Priced £125.

020 7734 1234 or www.libertylondon.com



Above: Susan Collier and Sarah Campbell of Collier Campbell made their name in the '60s with textile collections for Liberty. Since Susan's early death in 2011, Sarah has continued to work alone, more recently resurrecting one of Collier Campbell's most iconic prints, Cote D'Azure. Priced £85.

**020 8670 7200 or
www.sarahcampbelldesigns.com**



Above: You don't have to be a maths genius to introduce geometry to your home. Just get your hands on Nina Kullberg's new cushion collection revealed in eye-catching geometric designs. Paris in Riviera Blue costs £68.

www.ninakullberg.com

New this month...

1 If you are looking for something stylish on the side, we suggest the hand-finished brass Joco table by Walter Knoll, available from Forza for £1329.

020 7436 1808 or www.forza.co.uk

2 Here's a bright idea from Heal's: a bespoke Shades and Bases service that lets you create a lamp to match your décor. Step one, decide on the size of your shade; step two, select your fabric from 125 designer styles; step three, team it with a lamp base; and step four, switch on! The shades seen here are priced from £65.

0333 212 1915 or www.heals.com

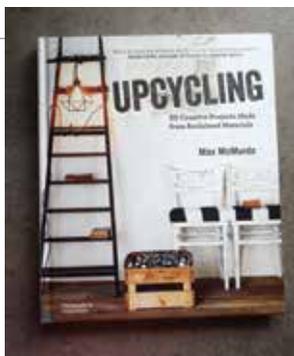


3 Inspired by the trees growing in her local park, east London-based designer Ella Doran has used a soft-focus photographic effect and enlarged the scale of the bark to create her new Camouflage wallpaper, £150 per roll.

020 7254 4744 or www.elladoran.co.uk

4 Mufti believes that leather lends a dash of personality to furniture. Proving its point is this Portobello side table, £895, clad in dreamy dark-blue leather and beautifully finished with brass detailing.

020 7243 4444 or www.mufti.co.uk



Reading matters...

Upcycling by Max McMurdo

Max McMurdo's passion for turning junk into treasure began as a child. He went on to start Reestore, which rescues and resurrects objects destined for landfill and, more recently, has written his first book, *Upcycling*, which is

packed full of techniques and tips. It also features step-by-step guides to creating 20 designs, ranging from carnival lights and skateboard shelves to a three-chair bench and a coffee table made from an old washing machine drum. *Upcycling* by Max McMurdo is published by Jacqui Small Publishing and priced £20.

020 7284 9300 or www.jacquismallpub.com

New this month...

1 If you don't want to commit to all-over colour in the kitchen, add just a dab with the Dome kettle from Swan's Retro collection, also available in green, red, cream, black and grey. Expect to spend around £50.

**0844 826 9357 or
www.swan-brand.co.uk**



2 To celebrate the centenary of the birth of Lucienne Day, Classic Textiles and John Lewis have collaborated with the Robin and Lucienne Day Foundation to launch a collection of six fabric designs that feature some of the designer's most renowned archive designs. Fabrics are priced at £75 per m and are available at selected John Lewis stores.

**0345 604 9049 or
www.johnlewis.com**



3 You won't often find the words 'cookware' and 'beauty' sharing the same sentence, but then it's not every day a new collection of pots and pans is launched by Marie Guerlain, of the Guerlain perfume and cosmetics dynasty. Fashioned from titanium-grade stainless steel, the Ondine collection is available exclusively at Harrods priced from £355 for a small saucepan.

020 7730 1234 or www.harrods.com

4 Described by its maker as a fresh take on the archetypal Danish chair, Theodor Dining Chair by O&O Studio for Brdr Krüger is form and functionality coming together in perfect harmony to create a design that doffs its cap to the past, yet confidently embraces contemporary sensibilities. Priced around £1080.

**+45 39561555 or
www.brdr-kruger.com**

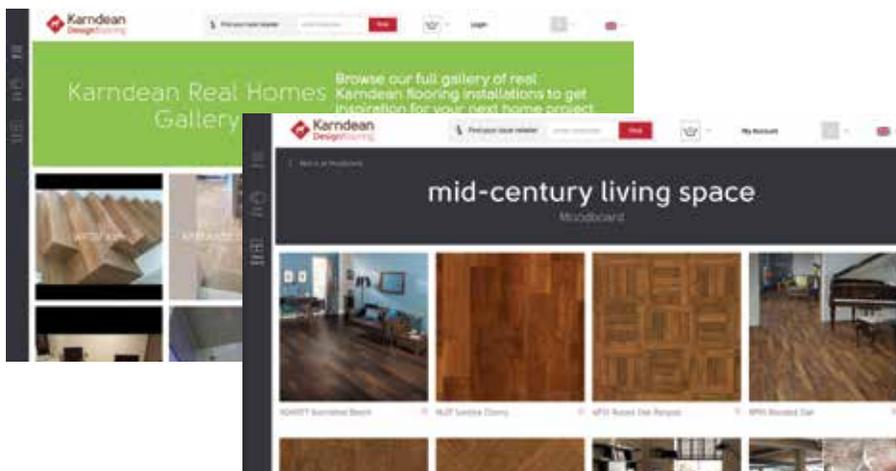


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www.karndean.com

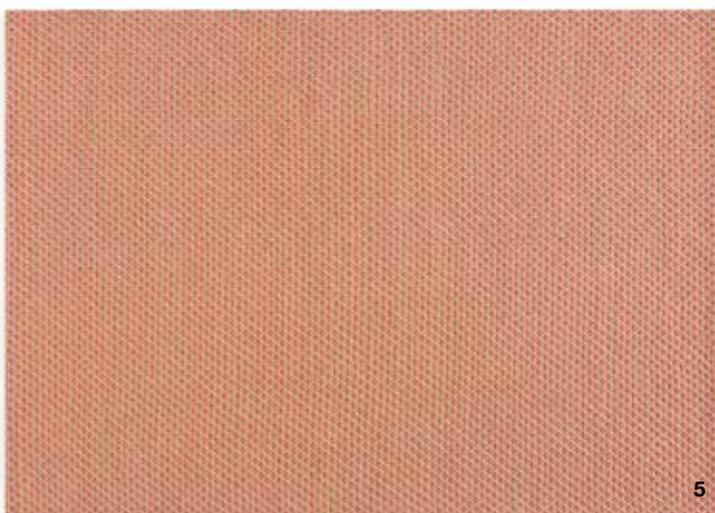
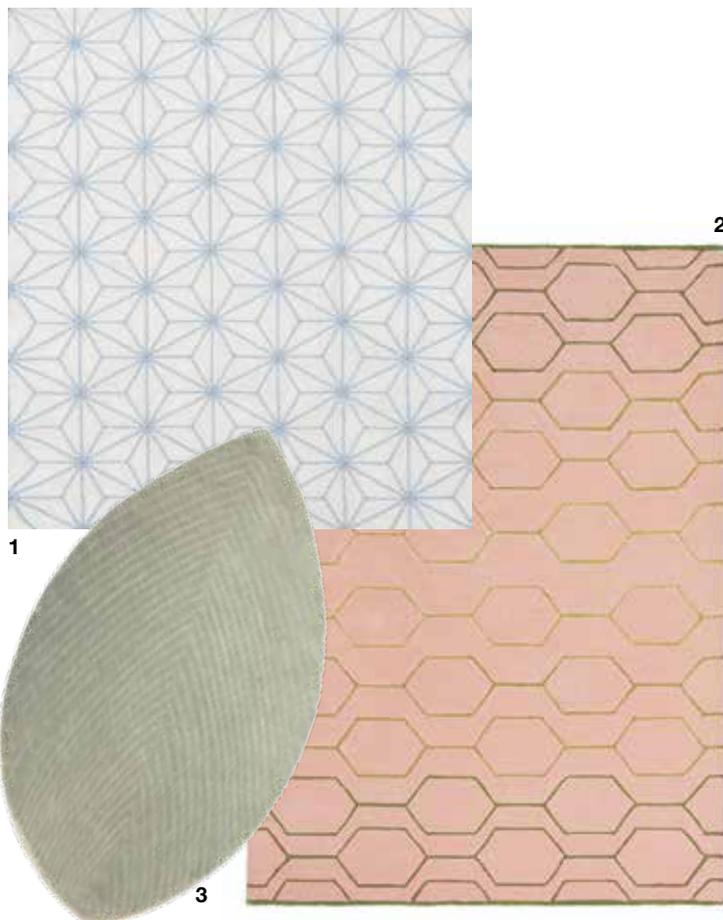


Spotlight on...

Rugs

Colour, texture and cosiness can all be achieved with the perfect rug

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1 Grande Etoile is a machine-embroidered linen fabric in powder blue, £210 per m by Vanderhurd.

020 7313 5400 or www.vanderhurd.com

2 Wedgwood Arris rug in pink (120 x 180cm), £349 at Amara.

0800 587 7645 or www.amara.com

3 Quill Medium rug in green by Nao Tamura for Nanimarquina (124 x 142cm), available at Made in Design for £678.

020 7692 4001 or www.madeindesign.co.uk

4 Antique is made from pieces of hand-knotted Anatolian rugs and priced from £920 at Woven.

020 7193 0505 or www.woven.co.uk

5 Gan Raw rug in pink, priced £709 (170 x 240cm) and £1036 (200 x 300cm) at Utility Design.

0151 708 4192 or www.utilitydesign.co.uk

6 Fresco Lattice blue rug (120 x 170cm) from Butterfly Home by Matthew Williamson at Debenhams, £210.

0344 800 8877 or www.debenhams.com

Shop here...

Showroom showcase

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Barker & Stonehouse



What?

Four years on from the launch of its Battersea showroom, furniture retailer Barker & Stonehouse continues its expansion in the south-east with the opening of a store in Hove.

Features?

Covering 35,000sq ft of retail space, when it comes to furniture and accessories, there's not much the new Barker & Stonehouse store doesn't do. Brands range from international innovators B&B Italia, Kartell and Ligne Roset to home-grown heavyweights Ercol, Vispring and Parker Knoll. And if that's not enough to get you through the door, then the arrival of Italian manufacturer Riva 20, well known for its stunning solid-wood furniture, should persuade you.

Where and when?

Barker & Stonehouse, 184-186 Old Shoreham Road, Hove BN3 7EX. Open Monday to Friday, 10am to 8pm; Saturday, 9am to 6pm; Sunday, 11am to 5pm.

01273 310010 or www.barkerandstonehouse.co.uk

British Standard



What?

British Standard has revamped its Hoxton showroom with a new lower level to display more of its stunning collection.

Features?

British Standard debuted in 2011 to provide affordable, off-the-shelf cupboards for anywhere in the home where storage is required. Proof of its continuing popularity is the expansion of its Hoxton store to showcase more of its covetable collection as well as its own ironmongery ranges. Fans of Shaker styling should almost certainly stop by. You can expect an industrial-inspired colour palette of dark neutrals, earthy pastels, slate greys and deep greens offset with accents of powder blue and pale lime. The cabinetry is finished with oak and concrete worktops and combined with reclaimed brass taps. What's not to love?

Where and when?

British Standard, 41 Hoxton Square, London N1 6PB. Open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm.

020 7870 7688 or www.britishstandardcupboards.co.uk

Element 7

What?

Element 7 started out specialising in engineered wood flooring but has since expanded its range to include everything from leather to semi-precious metal floors in brass, bronze, pewter and stainless steel. These designs, and many more, can be found at its new London showroom.

Features?

Laid out over 500sq m with inspirational roomsets on the top floor, experts are on hand to offer advice on current trends, what flooring will best suit your existing decorating scheme, and how to achieve different looks. So much more than just a showroom, the space will be used to host events, such as supper clubs, as well as design talks.

Where and when?

Element 7, The Tower, Chelsea Creek, London SW6 2RQ. Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.30pm; Saturday, 10.30am to 4pm.

020 7736 2366 or www.element7.co.uk

