



LONDON

display cabinets on sale are vintage lights and ceramics, so you can walk away with accessories too.

ROSE UNIACKE

76 Pimlico Road, SW1, tube Sloane Square
Tel 020 7730 7050, www.roseuniacke.com
Open 9:30am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 4pm, closed Sunday

ANTIQUES AND CONTEMPORARY

The aroma of scented candles wafts down Pimlico Road and Rose Uniacke's chic, uncluttered showroom adds to its esoteric atmosphere. Her journey from furniture restorer and gilder to antiques dealer and furniture and interior designer has led her to become the in-crowd's designer du jour (she created the Beckhams' latest London home). Her signature is serene and clean – bare floor boards with simple, ancient mantelpieces, chandeliers and gilt mirrors that are French, Swedish, Italian – as well as her own pieces. These are ever expanding and stretch from wooden draper's tables to lighting to modern interpretations of hand-printed 20th-century wallpaper.

RUSSELL PINCH

Unit 1W, Clapham North Art Centre,
26-32 Voltaire Road, SW4
Tube Clapham North
Tel 020 7622 5075
Open by appointment only
www.pinchdesign.com

BRITISH WOODWORKERS

Russell Pinch is one of the early “urban woodsmen”, a new generation of British woodworkers based in the capital who, against all odds when you consider London rents, have turned back to traditional skills and British woods. Pinch has spent a decade creating handmade furniture from native cherry, walnut and oak, both in his studio in Clapham and with a network of craftsmen across the UK. His clean-lined cabinetry, lighting and upholstered pieces can be customized in dimension, colour and finish so they look almost bespoke.

SIGMAR

263 King's Road, SW3
Tube Sloane Square
Tel 020 7751 5801
www.sigmarlondon.com
Open 10am to 6pm, Sunday noon to 5pm

VINTAGE FURNITURE

This recently refreshed little shop-cum-studio betrays the impeccable taste of old pals, interior designer Ebba Thott and furniture specialist Nina Hertig. Most of the stock is Mid-century Scandinavian furniture (Thott is Swedish, Hertig is from Denmark) from the likes of Finn Juhl, Carl Aubock, Paavo Tynell and Alvar Aalto. The pair also collaborate with London-based designers Michael Anastassiades and Joanna Louca on ceramics and textiles, respectively, which they incorporate into their ever-growing interior design service. Indeed, they have kitted out many a fine London home.

SOANE BRITAIN

50-52 Pimlico Road, SW1
Tube Sloane Square
Tel 020 7730 6400, www.soane.co.uk
Open 9:30am to 6pm, Friday until 5pm,
Saturday 10am to 5pm

MODERN COUNTRY HOUSE STYLE

Unlike many of its Pimlico Road neighbours, which present hard-looking furniture on bare wooden floorboards, Lulu Lytle's shop is cosy, colourful and inviting. Help yourself to a gin and tonic from one of the elegant drinks trolleys and sink into one of the buxom sofas. A recent redesign of the fabric and wallpaper room and the bar and lighting areas reveals Soane's grown-up take on boho, where ethnic colours and shapes are fused with English country house style for a modern look. Reproduction furniture is handmade in Britain by master craftsmen and works in both modern and traditional spaces.

SPOTLIGHT

THE ROYAL WARRANT IS STILL A BYWORD FOR QUALITY AND HERITAGE

Retailers or service providers can display one or more of these endorsements to demonstrate sovereign patronage (www.royalwarrant.org). The three royals currently entitled to grant warrants are the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales; you would be right to expect that they can be traditional in their tastes and while some holders are at the vanguard of their sectors, they aren't always the most fashionable brands. **FLORIS** produces the sort of floral room sprays, soaps and body products that remind you of your grandmother. The world's richest and most powerful grandmother also uses them in her royal palaces, so buy them in the knowledge that prime ministers, presidents and royalty will have used them to wash their hands. The shop has occupied the same location in St James's since it opened in 1730. With a few palaces to decorate, and each with a great many windows, the queen turns to **JEAN MONRO** for her furnishing needs. The classic chintz designs have changed little since it started reproducing traditional English patterns in 1981. It is now one of very few companies left in England to hand-block print. Any of the floral designs would make an elegant pouffe for a corgi. The queen has one of the finest collections of stamps in the world, started by her great-grandfather Edward VII. Given that her face appears on British stamps it would be safe to assume that the queen uses the Royal Mail for her post, but for her personal stamp collection, if she's looking for something other than a self-portrait she turns to **STANLEY GIBBONS**, the longest-established rare-stamp merchant.

FLORIS 89 Jermyn Street, St James's SW1, tube Piccadilly Circus, tel 020 7747 3612,
147 Ebury Street, Belgravia, SW1, tube Victoria, tel 020 7730 0304, www.florislondon.com

JEAN MONRO Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, Lots Road, SW10, tube Fulham Broadway,
tel 020 7259 7281, www.jeanmonro.com

STANLEY GIBBONS 399 Strand, WC2, tube Charing Cross, tel 020 7836 8444,
www.stanleygibbons.com

SUMMERILL & BISHOP

100 Portland Road, W11
Tube Holland Park
Tel 020 7221 4566
www.summerillandbishop.com
Open 10am to 6pm, closed Sunday

HAND-MADE KITCHENWARE

This specialist tablecloth and tabletop company was founded by great friends June Summerill and Bernadette Bishop in 1994. At their Notting Hill studio, the duo design handmade tablecloths and tableware with a network of skilled craftsmen around the world. At their nearby shop, their “School” space holds workshops on “*l'art de recevoir*” (the French term for hosting), so that their Astier de Villatte white-glazed black terracotta

tableware, globally sourced utensils, cookware, vintage silver and linens can be used to their best advantage.

TALISMAN

79-91 New King's Road, SW6
Tube Fulham Broadway
Tel 020 7731 4686
www.talismanlondon.com
Open 10am to 6pm, Friday and Saturday
until 5pm, closed Sunday

GLAMOROUS ANTIQUES

Talisman owner Ken Bolan has amassed around 5,000 vintage pieces from the 1950s to the 1980s, and he rotates them with panache in his Art Deco showroom. A couple of years ago, spurred on by the popularity of a homemade French-style

