

3 of the best... brooms

Make a clean sweep of it with these trusty brushes

HOT TO TROT

Brush Beauty will get the kids cleaning, too. Pine and birch plywood with coco brush. **£29** (thorstenvanelten.com)

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HANDLE IT

Tall dustpan and brush in birch, horsehair and polypropylene. **£37.95** (pedlars.co.uk)

PLASTIC FANTASTIC

Magis Mago air-moulded polypropylene with polyester brush, in bright pop colours. **£34.50** (nest.co.uk)



Shutter it!

Shutters, the most clean-cut of classic window treatments, have just been **propelled into the 21st century thanks to a touch of James Bond technology**. Sliding track mechanisms and a sophisticated motorised system mean the doors can now be opened and closed via a remote device – making them excellent room dividers for open-plan living. What's more, the system can be linked to other state-of-the-art technologies such as entertainment systems in a home cinema. **From £375 per sq m** (tnesc.co.uk)

Liverpool-based lovers of contemporary Danish

design can now hotfoot it to the new BoConcept showroom to peruse the stylish furniture. 20 Chapel Street (boconcept.co.uk)



Expert panel

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BLUEBELLGRAY'S LIMITED-EDITION WALL HANGING AND CUSHIONS CAPTURE THE ZEITGEIST BY FOCUSING ON ARTSY, HAND-CRAFTED PIECES. EACH ITEM DIGITALLY REPRINTS HAND-PAINTED WATERCOLOURS, RETAINING EVERY BRUSH STROKE.

PANEL, £450; CUSHION, £55-£85 (BLUEBELLGRAY.CO.UK)

SPEAKERS' CORNER

The lemon squeezer had better watch out – Philippe Starck's latest design outing looks set to surpass its iconic status. The maestro's sleek Parrot wireless speakers include an iPod/iPhone dock, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. **£1,000** (conranshop.co.uk)



DEEP PURPLE DREAM

Deliciously rich shades of damson, plum and blackberry are the captivating colours to embrace this autumn, and velvet is the fabric to work them in. Livingetc is loving the classic detail of this new Lady May sofa from Sofa Workshop, but if purple isn't your shade, you can choose from 38 other gorgeous colours. **£1,588** (sofaworkshop.com)