

little black book

Designers Anthony Buggy and Joanne Kelly of Think Contemporary are really in-the-know when it comes to top shopping spots for the home.



☎ Eamon Lynch Upholstery Services, The Square, Skerries, Co Dublin. Tel: 087 955 99094:

Eamon's work is top quality. We've used him for re-upholstering traditional frames and also completely re-covering contemporary frames. His attention to detail is perfect and we are always amazed with the finish.

☎ Ray Shannon Design, Ballymount Road, Industrial Estate, Dublin 12. Tel: 01 450 2923: We use Ray Shannon for our upholstered headboards. Ray has worked in fabric and leather for us and has produced headboards that make a design statement and add the perfect finish to any bedroom.

☎ P Adams and daughters, Furniture Restoration. Tel: 01 6771960: When it comes to restoring a piece of furniture with French polish or maybe spray painting a finish we have always found Audrey willing to pass on good sound advice on what will work and how we can achieve the finish we want. Audrey has many years of experience and it shows in her work.

☎ Arena Kitchen, Sails Buildings, Cardiff Lane, Sir John Rogersons Quay, Dublin 2. Web:

www.arenakitchens.com: This is a one stop shop for kitchen design. Take your plans to Arena and they will sit down with you to design a kitchen that works. They'll give you all the options available to you working within your budget. The on-site work carried by Arena when fitting your kitchen is exceptional and they are always happy to please the customer.

☎ Duff-Tisdall, Taney Road, Goatstown, Dublin 14. Tel: 01 205 1119. Web: www.duff-tisdall.ie: The range of furniture available from the Duff-Tisdall Goatstown showroom is wide, drawing from both Scandinavian styles and the traditional style of other European furniture. They also have their own range of furniture, working with American oak and French walnut. These are manufactured in their own workshop, based on the north side of Dublin. The showroom carries a good range of Orior sofas, also an Irish company. We love the fact that they pride themselves on being an Irish company and

Joanne and Anthony create bright and modern interiors. We love the mix of shapes in this room, from the honeycomb bookshelves to the strong lines of the sofa, as well as the tonal green and blue shades



how they strive to continue to bring new styles to the market.

☎ Ikea, Belfast. Web: www.ikea.co.uk: What we love the most about Ikea is that all of their products have been designed by designers, so you are getting a well thought out piece for a fraction of the cost of other designer-y items. We love to mix in smaller pieces from Ikea to give an interior that contemporary look without breaking the bank. The key to Ikea products is in the assembly, so make sure that you have a good DIY person on standby.

☎ The Brown Envelope, Francis Street, Dublin 8: We absolutely love this shop. It is great for vintage and retro accessories if you're looking for something a bit unique. It is also great for prints and paintings and has a selection of large oil paintings that are styled on 1950s advertisements.

☎ Wild Child Originals, 10/11 Greenmount Avenue, Harolds Cross, Dublin 6W. Tel: 087 238 6143. Web:

www.wildchildoriginals.com: Wild Child Originals, a second hand clothes shop turned furniture shop, is a great place to go if you are looking for original vintage designs. They have been known to stock such classic pieces as the Eames rocker, the Eames Eiffel chairs, Herman Miller pieces and many more. You have to move fast as the more popular pieces tend to be sold very quickly.

☎ Habitat. Web: www.habitat.co.uk:

We were so sad to see Habitat in Dublin closing its doors, but Habitat in England is still going strong and available online. They still stock a great range of products and will never let you down if you are looking for that occasional chair or quirky bookcase. We really like their exciting new range of cushions and accessories, particularly the polygon cushion, which has a great 3D effect.

☎ TC Matthews, Unit 19/20, City Quay, Dublin 2. Web: www.tcmatthews.ie:

We use TC Matthews for all of our flooring. They supply mid to high-end quality rugs, carpets and timber flooring. They have an amazing range of Missoni rugs and cushions, which are absolutely gorgeous - but they are high end. They also stock Brink and Campman, who design a great range of rugs at very reasonable prices. *Think Contemporary. Phone Joanne on 087 968 3101. Web: www.thinkcontemporary.com Email: info@thinkcontemporary.com*