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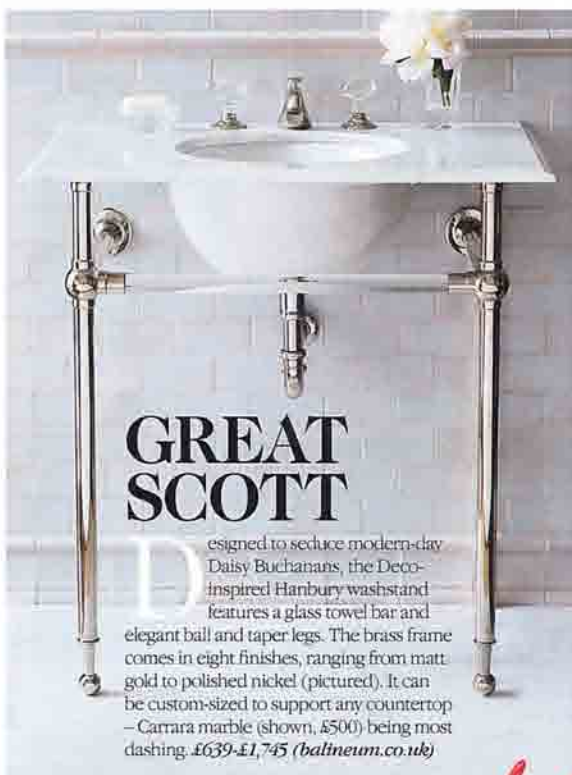
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Float on

Icelandic artist Kristjana S Williams adds modern colours and illustrations to Victorian natural history engravings, transforming them into exotic creatures and landscapes. Her prints are enormously popular right now and some have been produced as silk cushions that are both bright and beautiful. £115 (liberty.co.uk)



GREAT SCOTT

Designed to seduce modern-day Daisy Buchanans, the Deco-inspired Hanbury washstand features a glass towel bar and elegant ball and taper legs. The brass frame comes in eight finishes, ranging from matt gold to polished nickel (pictured). It can be custom-sized to support any countertop – Carrara marble (shown, £500) being most dashing. £639-£1,745 (balineum.co.uk)



FRUITS DE MER

A flash of *Corallium rubrum* – red coral, don'tcha know – always adds a chic Mediterranean vibe to interiors. So get into the stylish Côte d'Azur mood by garnishing your salad with these aluminium servers with Coral handles. £19.99 (zarahome.com)



Glass act

Lead crystal is experiencing a renaissance. You might call it the Lee Broom effect, what with the designer's championing of this craft. Tapping into the trend is Cumbria Crystal with its Bottle collection. Two chic shapes, the Burgundy and the Bordeaux, are available in six designs, including Helix and Diamond (both shown). £235 each (cumbriacrystal.com)

CREATIVE EYE



Untitled by Claudia Carrel, 1969, Le Trianon Gallery at 1stdibs.



MICHAEL BRUNO

The New Yorker behind the 'online luxury marketplace' 1stdibs.com on collecting

- My most amazing recent buy was a set of English Regency hand-blown, panel-cut amethyst drinking glasses. The colour is extraordinary and low-profile crystal looks really chic on a dinner table.
- French designer Jean-Michel Frank was truly original – the work he did in the Thirties has wonderfully clean lines that still seem modern today. There's a pair of Frank's iron and parchment console tables on the site right now that I have my eye on.
- We have a great 20th-century section, showcasing not just furniture and jewellery but interesting modern art too.
- Madrid is a marvellous city for scouring markets – the Mercado de San Miguel is one of the oldest and has been almost reinvented by its recent refurbishment. I also fell in love with Calle Santa María in the Old City; there's a great shop there called Tesla.
- Buy things you adore and group similar pieces together. The items that hold the most value are the ones that you love. Never sell them – that's what collecting is all about.
- Deco is popular again, so if you're trying to achieve that look, I'd start by buying something made of wood. Art Deco designers used some amazing varieties of timber that are no longer available. 1stdibs.com



Table Bleue by Yves Klein, 1961, Kayne Griffin Corcoran Gallery at 1stdibs.



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