

Interiors: January sales special

BARGAIN BONANZA!

Plan carefully and shop around, for now's the time to give your home a refresh – at a snip

WITH the High Street bulging with seductive sale signs, there's never been a better opportunity to refresh your interiors at a snip.

However, with so many tempting options available, it can be easy to get sidetracked and end up buying pieces that offer only short-term pleasure.

Shop smarter by using seasonal clearances and ex-display lines as a way to pick up longed-for large-outlay items such as beds, sofas and mattresses, as well as designer pieces and one-off accessories that will inject a timeless note and offer real value for money. Choose classic designs in colourways that you can live with and you won't go wrong.

Some brands are offering up to 50 per cent discounts on furniture and home accessories. Here's our pick of the best.

KITCHEN MAKEOVER

IF YOU are planning to upgrade your kitchen or bathroom, waiting for seasonal sales will make your budget stretch further.

'Try not to be seduced by obviously on-trend shapes or of-the-moment colour finishes as these can date quickly,' says interior designer Louise Robinson (louiserobinsoninteriors.com). 'Fitted schemes such as kitchens and bathrooms will benefit from classic designs that stand the test of time, so aim for an easy-on-the-eye style.'

This month, Harvey Jones (harveyjones.com) is providing 25 per cent off its full range of handcrafted kitchen cabinets. Its Shaker is ideal for traditionalists, while the Linear Edge offers a sleek, contemporary note. Neptune (neptune.com) is giving away £100 in vouchers for every £1,000 spent on its classic kitchen cabinets.

BEST FOR BATHROOMS

BROOKMANS by Smallbone (brookmans.co.uk), the relaxed sibling



Discounts: Vitra table, £1,095 (was £1,580), Mariposa sofa, £3,893 (£4,580) and Repos chair £2,805 (£3,300), chaplins.co.uk

by Emma J. Page

of renowned Smallbone of Devizes, is offering 15 per cent off its kitchen and bathroom collections, as well as free-standing furniture. Its Soho Vanity unit, now £841.50, is a chic and easy update to tired bathrooms. Check out the range of baths, basins and showers

dining table in solid ash, £1,395 (was £1,995) sohohome.com, adds the grown-up glamour of a private members' club, while Heal's (heals.com) discounted button-tufted Fitzrovia sofa, £1,759 (was £2,199) will introduce a timeless touch and is available in more than 40 upholstery options.

Dwell's Lucerne white marble

Emilia Ottoman, £1,991 from £2,845, And So To Bed (andso-tobed.co.uk) provides storage and elegance, while Heal's Bardot bed, £839 (was £1,399) offers mid-century style for less (heals.com).

Bear in mind that good quality sheets and towels are always a savvy investment.

The White Company's satin stitch trimmed Savoy towels, from £11.20, reduced from £16, hit just the right note (thewhitecompany.com) while Scooms (scooms.com) is offering a 15 per cent discount on its duvet and bedlinen bundles, £379.95 for a double, including Hungarian Goose down duvet, fitted sheet, duvet cover and two pillow cases.

DESIGNER DELIGHTS

IF YOU are hunting out a particular designer piece, now is the time to buy. Avoid reproductions and opt for the real thing instead. The Conran Shop has an excellent range of discounted pieces, including Knoll's iconic Tulip Table, reduced to £1,846 (was £2,172, conranshop.co.uk).

While you are there, check out the IC-Light collection for Flos, with their on-trend globe shades, from £267.

'Use the sales as an opportunity to invest in a designer piece that you've had your eye on for a while,' says Robinson, 'such as a classic sofa, a beautifully crafted table or a statement light. But avoid impulsive purchases.'

'For example, a flamboyantly patterned upholstered piece, such as a floral chair or sofa, could seem like a great bargain, but it's less likely to slot easily into an existing scheme.'

Chaplins (chaplins.co.uk) offers a vast range of clearance mid-century classics, including 30 per cent off Vitra's solid oak dining table, now £1,095, both online and at its Pinner store, while you'll find Ercol's Originals Plank Dining table reduced from £1,070 to £750 at Soho Home. There are plenty of

reduced pre-loved pieces at Vinterior, too – such as its vintage mid-century teak chest of drawers, £202.50 (was £225). Consider investing in new, modern classics by buying end of line and ex-display.

Russell Pinch's Moreau bench (pinchdesign.com) makes an excellent end-of-bed addition, £825 (was £1,375), while Cassandra Ellis' Mama Daybed provides a cool yet timeless style statement in sitting rooms and bedrooms, £950 (was £3,225, atelierellis.co.uk).

ACCESSORIES

SOMETIMES just a few considered touches are enough to ring the changes. For brilliant value lighting, check out the range at Pooky (pooky.com). Its Galore floor lamp in brass and black, £137 (was £210), offers a sleek silhouette.

Habitat's East metal ceiling light in grey and gold provides utilitarian chic above kitchen counters, £34 (was £85), while the fluid shape of Heal's Ribbon LED ceiling pendant, £383 (from £479), adds a touch of glamour.

A side-table beside a sofa or bed can smarten up a scheme effortlessly – Swoon Editions' black steel Arancia side table, £137 (was £229, swooneditions.com) is an ideal option. Made.com's Marvel Dining Chairs in copper, £199 for two, (were £249) add an affordable pep to most kitchen tables. With a little planning, now is the perfect time to bag more bang for your buck.



Striking: Claude table lamp, £53 (was £116), shade, £52 (£74) pooky.com



Plush: Fitzrovia sofa, £1,759 (was £2,199) heals.com

at C.P. Hart, too (cphart.co.uk) – the timeless Winchester roll-top is reduced by £735 to £1,103.

HOME ESSENTIALS

DINING tables and sofas also make great sale buys. Soho Home's Corbett

dining table, £649 (was £849), is great for compact spaces (dwell.co.uk) and if you're looking for an update on a classic dresser, check out Habitat's Antonn walnut shelving unit £347.50 (was £695, habitat.co.uk).

SLEEP WELL

FOR savings on mattresses, head to John Lewis (johnlewis.com), where its special buy Natural Collection has deals across options made in wool, hemp, silk, linen and cashmere, from £399 for a single in hemp. Alternatively, browse through Simba's online sale (simbasleep.com). Their ultra comfortable king-size mattress – which arrives rolled up in a box – is £637 (was £849).

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