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*The smart way to feel
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1 | **CURIOUS AND UNCOMMON
CORAL CUSHION**

Natural History, £80. Cast yourself into a sea of luxury with this linen cushion featuring a Victorian illustration from the naturalist John Ellis. origin-of-style.com

2 | **TWIGS AND BERRIES BOWL**

Garth Williams, £29. This strikingly ornate nickel design is just the thing for the sofa-bound forager. artyfactz.co.uk

3 | **ANDY WARHOL
'BUTTERFLIES' PRINT**

Heal's, £105. Set your walls aflutter with this colourful print from the Pop Art icon. White wood frame included. 0870 024 0780, heals.co.uk

4 | **ASH TRIPOD LAMP**

TMO Lighting, £400. Accessorised with a linen shade, this natural-wood lamp is a model of muted sophistication. tmolighting.com

5 | **BRANCH AND LEAVES
WALLPAPER SILHOUETTE**

Supernice, £42. These bucolic cut-outs are made from vintage wallpaper and you can assemble them as you wish with the accompanying DIY pasting kit. 020 7613 3890, supernice.co.uk

6 | **LOG STOOL**

Pedlars, £175. This padded, bark-patterned piece is a cushy way to evoke nights around the campfire. 01330 850 400, pedlars.co.uk
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The insider

#9 How to go neutral without going bland



NEUTRALS? ACH. Cream and beige are dull! But *Pale & Interesting* (Ryland Peters & Small, £19.99, out now) could turn me. Its authors, Atlanta Bartlett and Dave Coote, are to neutral what Gok is to high street - so try their tips for exciting yet muted rooms...

GO OFF PALETTE Neutrals go beyond the obvious hues: think warm greys; soft, chalky whites; duck-egg blues.

GET BATTERED Even whites can be "relaxed, warm and welcoming"; tongue-and-groove panelling softens things - and remember that "any room devoid of texture will feel hard and cold".

JUST A SPLASH Gentle pastel hints and muted vintage brights prevent a washed-out look. A pretty 1930s dress on the back of a bedroom door is a simple way to introduce colour to a neutral palette - or prop a paint-peeling, reclaimed door against pale walls.

GO MOULD-Y Bathroom from scratch? Consider a cast concrete bath and/or sink: the chalky-grey finish, rather than being cold and hard, adds a tactile quality - it's a bit Turkish hammam.

SIZE UP Improve proportions by painting walls co-ordinating colours; battleship grey on a pale pebble background, say, or different shades of off-white.

DYEING INSIDE Fabric dye is a great way to refresh tired bed linen. Try Dylon's "antique grey" (dylon.co.uk).

CRISP AND EVEN If you go for white sheets, liven up with a bolder wallpaper, such as the pale-blue Manuel Canovas design at Colefax and Fowler (above, manuelcanovas.com). Alternatively, soften with an antique eiderdown on top.

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