



6 Swallows usually arrive in April, having flown 9,600km from southern Africa, and stick around until September. Artist Claire Brewster's have a different migrating pattern. They, along with the other breeds of birds and insects she intricately cuts from old maps, will be flying in to the London Art Fair on 14 January for a five-day show. Prices from £490. Ring Jagged Art on 020 7486 7374, or visit jaggedart.com.

7 Michael Berman's interest in design history is apparent in his 'Studio Moderne' collection for American stone-and-ceramic-tile manufacturer Walker Zanger; it includes a white chinoiserie-inspired pattern that would look at home in a Dorothy Draper interior, while 'Paramount Clover', shown here, which costs \$64 per 38 x 38cm tile, has Art Deco overtones. Ring 001 732 697 7700, or visit walkerzanger.com.

8 American Karen Feldman went from making hair-care products to tearing her hair out: having left the shampoo firm she had joined in the Czech Republic because, weirdly, it switched to chicken farming, she underwent the ordeal of founding the Artel crystal factory there. Her wares are handmade using some of the techniques employed by the fin-de-siècle collective of Czech artisans from which her company takes its name. Shown here are 'Baroko' stemless glasses (from £132 approx each), available to order in nine colours. Ring 0042 027 173 2161, or visit artelglass.com.

9 While Sahco Hesslein's geometric 'Fino' is strong on the eye, the cotton-and-silk cut velvet (£168 per m) is, on the other hand, deliciously soft to the touch. Ring 020 7352 6168, or visit sahco.co.uk.

10 Stone me if Hermès' 'Comète' brushed-silver-plated desk accessories don't complement the water-smoothed pebbles that inspired them. Prices start from £180 for a pillbox. Ring 020 7499 8856, or visit hermes.com. ▷

