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IN BLOOM

When the not-so-lovely British weather keeps you stuck indoors, bring your florals inside with Umbra's delightful Daisybox jewellery holder. £27.50 (www.umbra.com)

In particular the garden rooms at John Lewis, whose yummy pastel shades evoke nostalgic British seaside chalets.

Finally, a range of sleek, chic barbecues that wouldn't look out of place in a high-spec designer kitchen. C1 gas barbecue, £1,100 (www.mode.co.uk)



This summer, your garden lighting should - not flickering, tiny and apologetic. Time to chuck out that bumper pack of tealights, then.

So long, rickety relaxing This summer it's all about oversized outdoo loungers, daahling. WICKER Snicker...



FABRIC LOVES... DESCAMPS

We were excited by the prospect of bright, fun florals being back, back, back when we caught a glimpse of the SS10 catwalks, and now we're completely sold. Because when even the most high-end brands are getting in on the frivolity, we know it's a trend to buy into. Leading the pack are French linen experts Descamps with their La Plage beach towels. All we need now is some sand and a Mai Tai and we're all set. From £47. 6 Marylebone High Street, W1 (020 7935 0070; www.descamps.co.uk)



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be bold, big and stylised

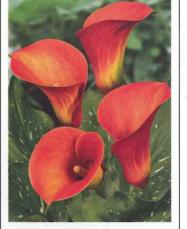


Nowhere does 'kerb appeal' better than London, and if ever you spy a striking display perched proudly on a windowsill, the chances are that Balcombe Street Window Box Company had a hand in it. Keeping up with the Joneses is easy... (020 7723 4496; www.window-box.co.uk)



INTO THE LIGHT

Yes, yes, we know we told you to look outside this month, but we couldn't let this page go by without giving you a heads-up about Visibility Lighting & Design - a new lighting boutique opening in Hampstead. Stop by for everything from restored vintage pieces to CAD-designed homelighting plans, and be sure to take them up on their free one-hour lighting consultation. 13 Flask Walk, NW3 (020 7443 5484)



BULBS GET BOLD

According to the experts at Clifton Nurseries, 2010 is all about contemporary, bold planting. Dramatic shapes, strong colour and daring combos - anything that creates a statement. Top of the list for us are their pretty calla lilies. Bulbs from £1.99. 5A Clifton Villas, W9 (020 7289 6851; www.clifton.co.uk)

Give your garden some colour with two summer bulbs for the price of one - quote 'Fabric/Clifton offer' in store.*



CHELSEA GOES POP

We'll be heading to the Laurent-Perrier Garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show with a spring in our step. Their romantic vision by Tom Stuart-Smith is designed for both entertainment and quiet reflection - neither of which we like to do without a glass of bubbly, frankly. 25 to 29 May (www.rhs.org.uk/chelsea)

We have a Cuvée Rosé Spring Gift Set (on which the garden is based) to give away. For details, visit www.fabricmagazine.co.uk.*