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1 Jamb-tastic

Followers of the American interior decorator Michael Smith (dubbed the First Decorator after his work on the White House) should head to the Jamb emporium on London's Pimlico Road to view the latest additions to his collections of country-house-friendly fabrics, including his timeless designs in silk and linen. There are also some jaunty creations by the Greek illustrator Konstantin Kakaniyas (pictured, from £162 per square metre plus VAT). Visit the emporium at 95-97, Pimlico Road, London SW1 (020-7730 2122; www.jamb.co.uk)



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2 Crafted

Wheathills, the historic Derbyshire furniture-maker, restorer and marquetry specialist, makes exquisite memory boxes that aren't only beautifully crafted, but also have strong heirloom potential. For more information, telephone 01332 824819 or visit www.wheathills.com

Don't miss

This month, there's yet another reason to visit **Soane Britain**, the London specialist in beautifully made furniture, lighting and fabrics. Until December 24, it will be staging a selling exhibition of antique metalware collected by the antique dealer and designer Peter Twining, including Kashmiri copper trays, Indian lotas and animalia (020-7730 6400; www.soanebritain.co.uk)

Until Christmas Eve, there will be a chance to browse gifts made by more than 350 makers at **Contemporary Applied Arts**, a stone's throw from the Tate Modern at 89, Southwark Street, London SE1 (020-7620 0086; www.caa.org.uk)

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3 Spirit of the past

Distinctive Country Furniture makes joinery and furniture, including kitchen dressers that look as though they've been in situ for decades. Ideal for restoration projects or adding a period feel to modern buildings, all items are painstakingly made at the company's premises in Somerset, at Parrett Works, Martock TA12 6AE (01935 825800; www.distinctivecountryfurniture.co.uk)

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4 Boxing clever

West One Bathrooms has restored a period telephone box and fitted it with all manner of creature comforts, including a Waterworks shower, chromatherapy lighting and an extraction system to create a truly original and luxurious bathing experience. It costs £29,100 (0333-011 3333; www.westonebathrooms.com)

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5 Heavy metal

The beautiful lustre of bronze might be more readily associated with sculpture, but it also has impressive architectural uses, notably as casement windows and doors. Vale, which makes conservatories and orangeries, has a department making bronze casements that will enhance any building, old or new, traditional or contemporary (0845 6000660; www.bronzecasements.com)