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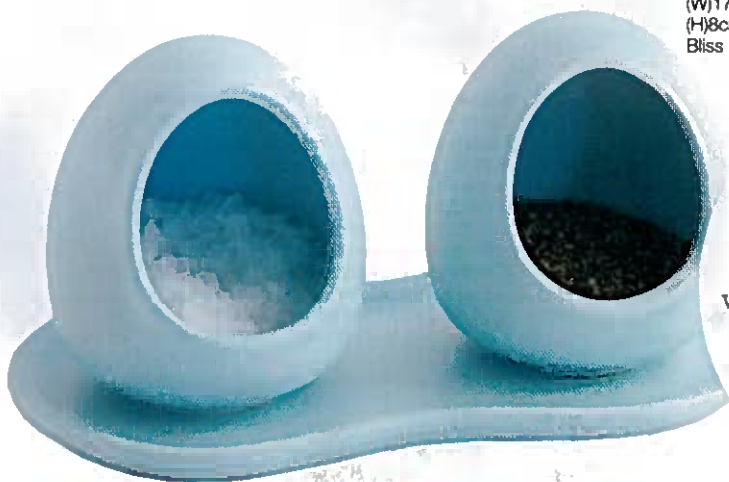
Angled silver frames, from £1.50; black glass frames, from £3; silver ceramic ornament, £8; silver ceramic round vase, £8; ripple glass vase, £10; flare glass vase, £4; all from the Alchemist range at ASDA

Great value from ASDA

New at supermarket chain ASDA this month is the Alchemist range (above and right), a collection of affordable homewares, with a modern colour palette of black, white, silver, grey and brown. Simple silhouette prints contrast against crisp whites and shimmering metallic accents in the bed-linen range. And look out for mercury-coloured ceramic vases in feminine shapes, angular photo frames in mirrored black and silver finishes, and furniture and accessories, from lamps and chairs to hotel-style beds.



Nigella Lawson salt-and-pepper piglets in duck-egg blue, tray (W)17x(D)9cm, piglets (H)8cm each, £14.95, Bliss Home



THREE OF THE LATEST SALT-AND-PEPPER SETS
Don't overlook the little details on your dining table when you're entertaining this year – choose one of these latest contemporary cruet duos for a stylish finish



Menu Lighthouse salt-and-pepper shakers in black and white, (H)8cm each, £21.52, Amaroni

Diary dates

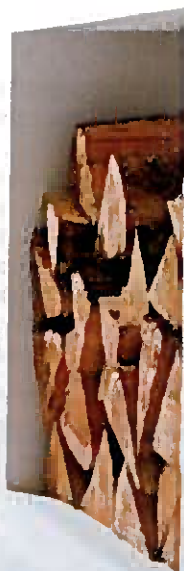
QUILTS 1700-2010, THE VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, WEST LONDON, 20 MARCH - 4 JULY

Examining 300 years of British quilt-making, the V&A's new exhibition is a must-see for anyone who is inspired by beautiful fabrics. Showing more than 65 quilts, from a simple

cot cover, dating back the late 17th century, to the work of contemporary artists such as Tracey Emin. You can try your hand at making a quilt of your own and browse through a host of fabrics in the museum shop when you leave. Tickets cost £10 (concessions are available) – visit www.vam.ac.uk or call 0844 209 1770 to book.

1 India Flower in green; **2 Seed Head** in red; **3 Rose** in pink; all limited edition fabrics by V&A Shop and Liberty Art Fabrics, available from March, priced from **£3.50** per m





Cuba bed in faux-leather, from **£200** for double size; **black leaf-print bed-linen**, from **£8** for a single duvet set; **black stick touch lamp**, **£10** each, or two for **£16**; **Amber chair** in champagne, **£180**; **damask cushion** in chocolate, **£9**; **metal hurricane vase** with candle, **£8**; all from the Alchemist range at ASDA



MUST-HAVE TOOLBOX

Can't ever find a screwdriver when you need one? Invest in a smart solution and keep all your tools in one place. Not all toolboxes are dull and industrial-looking – these smart metal designs from online company The Balcony Gardener feature removable plastic tray compartments and three colour schemes.

Metal toolboxes with colour printed exteriors, (H)17x(W)16x(L)49cm, also available in lime green, **£50** each, The Balcony Gardener



Y-Grinder, (H)20x (W)11cm, **£30**, Joseph – available from late March



Log on to <http://stores.shop.ebay.co.uk/Tesco-Outlet>

New Tesco and eBay website

Tesco has joined forces with online giant eBay to offer a new Tesco Outlet site, selling new and refurbished products and end-of-line ranges previously available through Tesco and Tesco Direct. The website offers everything from household appliances and home entertainment systems to garden furniture – all at discounted prices. Each product comes with a 12-month guarantee and a 14-day money-back guarantee. If you are looking for some bargain buys for your home, this is the latest place.

Horizon fitted furniture includes wardrobes, bedside and drawer units, with prices from **£1,800** for a fully fitted bedroom, including design service, manufacture, delivery and installation



Smart storage for your master bedroom

Fitted bedroom furniture expert Sharps has just launched two new ranges of striking designs for the spring. The Horizon collection features white-gloss doors with a solid walnut-veneered frame and waist-banded. The Highline range has sliding doors, ideal for small or narrow rooms. Offering two-, three-, four- and five-door combinations, and available in 400 different design options, from plain gloss to translucent, to floral-etched panels, these tailor-made ranges will provide all the storage you require for your bedroom. The internal fittings, too, are chosen to your exact specifications, including rails and shelving, so each design solution is truly unique. Call 0800 9178 178 to arrange a free design consultation.

BATH DECORATIVE AND ANTIQUES FAIR, THE PAVILION, BATH BA2 4EU 4 – 6 MARCH

Now in its 21st year, the Bath Decorative and Antiques Fair will be home to 45 exhibitors from around the UK, with a host of classic furniture and decorative pieces on offer. Doors open to the public at 11am on Friday 5th (Thursday is for trade only) and tickets cost just £3. Call 01225 333 130 or visit www.bathdecorativeantiquesfair.co.uk for more information.