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1 The Art Fund is a commendable charity set up to save our nation's works of art from being sold abroad by offering grants to UK galleries and museums. It also has a gift shop, with some treasures of its own. This 'Woman with Mandolin' cushion cover (£85), designed by Cressida Bell (granddaughter of Bloomsbury artist Vanessa Bell) is based on a detail from a bookcase at Charleston. The charity's covetable 2007 diary (£12.95) is illustrated with textile and costume designs from round the world. Ring 0871 271 2121, or visit artfund.org/shop.



2 The lampshades by switched-on Italian lighting designer Paola Napoleone (*Wol* March 2006) are the couture pieces of the decorating world. By altering the forms of traditional wire frames, she has created her own unique shapes. They are decorated with Tibetan textiles, antique trimmings and the best silks. Prices from £670 approx each, to order. Ring 00 39 335 817 3701, or visit paolanapoleone.it.



3 Mail-order catalogue Whippet Grey is racing ahead of its competitors. With its delicate mouth-blown glasses (from £12 for a pair of tumblers) and carved marble bowls (£44) from Morocco, it offers an enchanting range of decorative accessories for the home. Ring 01494 890400, or visit whippetgrey.co.uk.



4 Jonathan Charles makes high-quality fine reproduction furniture, using beautiful hardwoods. Based on proper country-house antiques, the shapes available include side chairs with meticulously carved backs, marquetry satinwood desks and this 'Walnut Windsor Gothic' armchair (£825). Ring 01484 605182, or visit jonathancharlesfurniture.com.



5 Poliform's showroom on the King's Road has been totally redesigned by architects Kicco Bestetti and Davide Bartesaghi, resulting in a slick white box. It is an ideal backdrop for the new pieces hot off the drawing board in Milan, like this 'Link' sideboard in acid green (£2,380) by Carlo Colombo. Ring 020 7368 7600, or visit poliformuk.com. ▷

