



brand collection of printed Belgian linens. Shown from left: 'Pellegrini' (gold), 'Bargello' (jeans) and 'Eleuthera' (porphyry) - £110 per m. Ring 020 7581 4336, or visit ashleyhicks.com.

7 Yoox Art and various design gurus have collaborated to cook up a range of aprons. Shown from left are examples by Missoni and MSGM - £55 each, with 30 per cent going to charity. Ring 0800 046 3688, or visit yoox.com.



8 Wannabe lampshade-makers will appreciate what an achievement this 66cm-diameter 'Polyedron' design by Paola Napoleone (Wol March 2006) is. They will know that creating a polished product is an art even when using the most basic ready-made shapes; this frame is complex and made from scratch. While the covering is a patchwork of different kinds of silk, she says they are 'put together according more to the colour than to the quality'. It can be yours for £1,270 approx. Ring 00 39 335 817 3701, or visit paolanapoleone.com.



9 Even when South African design duo Doktor and Misses' 'La La Shwantla' (left; £5,340 approx) and 'Kassena' (£11,285 approx) cupboards are empty they are never bare. The madly patterned hand-painted surfaces are a nod to the exterior decorations the Basotho and Kassena people apply to their homes. To commission the pieces, ring Southern Guild Collectible Design Gallery on 00 27 44 877 0719, or visit southernguild.co.za.



10 Last year Lidewij-in 't Veld and Rosemarijn van Velzen-in 't Veld abandoned their corporate careers and, embracing their love of different cultures, colour, textiles and old furniture, began upholstering antique and vintage items with fabrics, mostly originating from places along the Old Silk Road. Shown from left: 'Aziz' and 'Sobir', which cost £2,160 approx and £1,864 approx respectively. Ring Momiq (Uzbek for cotton) on 00 31 23 576 2933, or visit momiq-design.com. ▷

