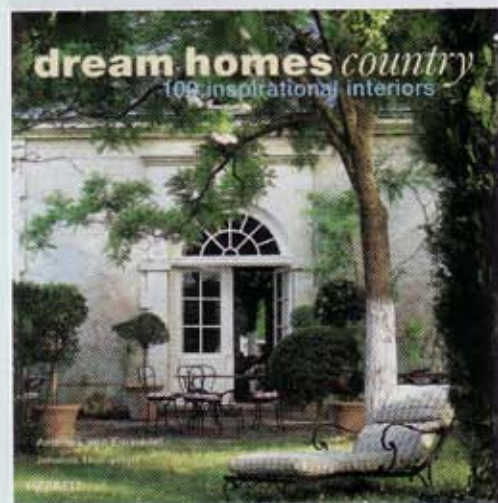




GET

INSPIRED

... By visiting two very different interiors shows this month. First up is **Kids Modern**, definitely worth travelling across London to see. The show, on 15 February 10am-4pm, is at Dulwich College, SE1 7LD (tickets £6, children £2) and has over 50 exhibitors with some of the coolest kids' furniture and accessory designs from Europe. Visit modernshows.com. The Listed Property Show is from 21-22 February at Olympia. It aims to provide advice and inspiration for homeowners looking to restore their properties and features almost 150 specialist suppliers, from architectural salvage to antique lighting. Entry to the show is free, for more info visit listedpropertyshow.co.uk, or call 01795 844939



BOOK REVIEW

For those of us in need of a little escapism in the depths of winter, there is a new book out, called *Dream Homes Country* (Merrell), written by Johanna Thornycroft and with glorious photographs by Andreas von Einsiedel (£29.95). Featuring 100 inspirational country homes, from an oast house in Kent to a Gothic castle in Belgium, from rustic dwellings in Provence to a rural beach house in St Lucia, the book explores a multitude of different country styles, but all of them distilling a sense of rustic charm and beauty, reminiscent of a slow, gentle pace of life. *Dream Homes Country* is available to Resident Readers for £26.95 inc. P&P (RRP £29.95) by telephoning Marston Book Services on 01235 465 500 and quoting the reference MERDHTR.



Interiors

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GET ON THE WEB AND CHECK OUT...

... **Thesleeproom.com**, a brand new online bed company launched in the New Year. This company is dedicated to making the choice of a new bed stress-free – and let's face it, who wants to spend hours trawling around shops, only to be told there is an eight-week delivery wait? Thesleeproom.com cleverly offers just 12 beautiful bed designs, and one incredibly comfortable mattress (from £445 for a double), handmade in England, with a choice of regular or firm tension. The beds range from leather or an upholstered linen design, to a hand-carved French reproduction or a Shaker-style oak bedstead (price start from £545 for a double oak boat design) and can usually be delivered free within a few days. There's also bedding – one type of hand-stitched 200-thread count white bed linen – and one Scottish cashmere/merino wool throw. Sounds simple? It is – and for £40 they will even take away your old bed. For more information, log on to thesleeproom.com or call 0845 459 9937

THIS MONTH YOU SHOULD...

... Buy a few on-trend accessories to kick-start your home without breaking the bank. Lombok's S/S09 collection has accents of fresh green, oyster and grey. Look out for the tussar silk tear drop cushions in apple (£28) and the sphere table lamp (£80) with matching shade (£30). lombok.co.uk, 0870 240 7380... Sainsbury's has vastly expanded its Tu Home range which gives a nod to top fashion trends but at great value. We love the Tu lace detail bowl (£5.99) and the Tu onion vases (£4.99 for three), shown here. Call 0800 636 262, or visit sainsburys.co.uk



BLOW THE BUDGET

... And consider commissioning a really beautiful piece of furniture that will become an antique of the future. **Jonathan Baring** is making a name for himself as the designer of exquisite furniture, which combines traditional craftsmanship with modern detailing. He has his own workshops in Oxfordshire, and every piece is tailored to your personal requirements. We particularly love this purple nubuck leather dining table, which costs £6,400 plus VAT (1900 x 8 x 740cm). Other pieces include slim console tables and chic desks, glamorous cocktail cabinets and wardrobes. Baring works across a range of materials, from vellum and macassar ebony, to stainless steel and gloss lacquer. 01793 765452, jonathanbaring.co.uk.