



## THE BIG BLUE

## PERIWINKLE

1. Periwinkle cotton cushion, €22.99; [WWW.ZARAHOME.COM](http://WWW.ZARAHOME.COM).
  2. Blue embroidered linen cushion, **HEDGEROE HOME**, €199; [www.weddingshop.ie](http://www.weddingshop.ie).
  3. Tendresse Feline wallpaper by Robert Dollet, **HERMÈS**, €281 a roll, at Brown Thomas.
  4. Alpina print Stella porcelain dessert plates, **LA DOUBLE J**, €160; [www.matchesfashion.com](http://www.matchesfashion.com).
  5. Blue woven leather shopper, **DRAGON DIFFUSION**, €350; [www.net-a-porter.com](http://www.net-a-porter.com).
  6. The Amboise candle, €85; [WWW.HOLIDAY-PARIS.FR](http://WWW.HOLIDAY-PARIS.FR).
  7. Blue Rocket side table, from €850, at **ROCHE BOBOIS**, Beacon South Quarter, Dublin 18.
  8. Ombré flat-weave cotton rug, €44.99; [WWW.ZARAHOME.COM](http://WWW.ZARAHOME.COM).
  9. Blue Sonia leather shoes, €465; [WWW.REJINAPYO.COM](http://WWW.REJINAPYO.COM).
  10. Blue Wishbone painted wood chair, **CARL HANSEN**, €859, at Arnotts.
  11. Brushstrokes handpainted bowl, €6, at **MARKS & SPENCER**.
  12. Blue Harry linen, €63 a metre; **WWW.NEPTUNE.COM**.
  13. Periwinkle Tana lawn cotton fabric, £16.95stg a metre; [WWW.LIBERTYLONDON.COM](http://WWW.LIBERTYLONDON.COM).
  14. Soft Jazz 809 emulsion paint, **BENJAMIN MOORE**, €63, at MRCB, Cornmarket, Dublin 2.
- For stockists, see [www.thegloss.ie](http://www.thegloss.ie).



# BLURRED LINES

A DESIRE FOR PRIVACY AND PRETTINESS MEANS BEDROOMS AND BATHROOMS ARE GETTING THE SAME LUXE TREATMENT

**“**If you want to make a difference in the world, start by making your bed.” So declared Navy Seal and Admiral William McRaven at the University of Texas, Austin in 2014. His speech has had over ten million views, though its message is nothing new to the Duffin family who have been demonstrating how to dress them for the last 25 years. As owners of Bottom Drawer in Brown Thomas, their top-of-the-range bedlinen (including Piubelle, Frette, Brinkhaus and Missoni) has been on many a wedding or wish list. They recently added Swiss heritage brand Schlossberg (also sold at Harrods). Its fancy “satin noblesse” cotton has a silky texture and duvet covers cost from €795. It’s not cheap but then, what price a good night’s sleep?

Lisa Duffin and her team also offer a more personalised service for clients who want the very best. “It started when we realised that our clients wanted their bedrooms to be as chic and stylish as the bed displays they would see in a Frette brochure. We often send teams out to houses to iron bedlinen, dress and accessorise beds properly and create displays in both bathrooms and bedrooms.” While this service requires a minimum spend, it’s something that can turn suite dreams into a reality and is increasingly popular.

Another Irish brand which has seen an uptick in demand for its organic Fairtrade cotton bedlinen is White & Green, founded in Co Wicklow by interior designer Sari Winckworth and her three daughters in 2016. They have been perfecting the products sold across the UK and Ireland – finest quality cotton bedlinen which reduces the risk of skin allergies and plays a role in protecting the environment (cotton is one of the most chemically treated crops in the world). Such has been the e-commerce success – particularly in Australia – that co-founder and former model Danielle Winckworth has moved to Sydney to launch the brand to a wider audience.

As for bedroom furniture, Tom Dixon’s second collaboration with Ikea, the Delaktig 2.0, embodies functionality and personality. Its signature bed can be dressed in three new colours – dusty pink, soft beige and stone grey.

This palette is echoed by Neptune with Grace and Emma scatter cushions in Old Rose, the Stamford throw and the upholstered Charlie headboard. The latter has a wingback design and acts as a buffer to draughts. Brian S Nolan and Yours Personally, both in Dún Laoghaire, will upholster any headboard in any fabric. And, according to Rebecca Roe of Hedgeroe Home, “wardrobe doors are an ideal decorating opportunity. We have used Irish linen to upholster wardrobe doors and they look amazing.”

Mirroring the move towards softer, prettier bedrooms, bathrooms are getting the luxe treatment too. “There has been a move away from seeing a bathroom as a utilitarian space,” says Tony Murphy, GM of TileStyle. “They are becoming closer to boudoirs, with clients wanting the space to be decorated to the same luxe standard as their bedrooms.”

Adding softness and personality to a bathroom means luxe sanitaryware and interesting tiles in colour and pattern. “I’ve noticed clients are foregoing the safe white option when it comes to tiles,” says Murphy. “Large format tiling, unusual shapes and interesting grouting are offered by suppliers such as Mutina, Ceramiche Vogue and 41zero42, who work with designers such as Andrée Putnam, Patricia Urquiola and Philippe Starck.”

Blue or green washbasins and bathtubs bring Nordic freshness, symbolising the health-giving aspects of the bathroom. Bigger tub sizes, interesting shapes and innovative materials are other bath trends – check out the teardrop and Anahita baths at Bath House, Monkstown in Co Dublin, co-owned by John Devlin, who sees generously-sized coloured baths trending, along with chrome and red gold hardware. Antonio Lupi’s Reflex Cristalmoood tub (in ten colours), at TileStyle, is made more spectacular by the transparency of the tub and its curved lines. It’s made from resin which lends both lightness and solidity.

Further visual impact is created via zonal and ambient lighting. And technology – like the Ineo Scop touch-flush plate by Sanit or Jaquar Group’s smart approach to water flow, volume and usage – satisfies customer demand for smart, ecological solutions. Open and closed storage is complemented with wall-hung and freestanding shelves, arranged with the same “mix and match” approach as living room areas, with rugs and armchairs added for extra comfort ... ■ **PM&C**



1. Wallpaper, €23.60 per roll, Sestrene Grene. 2. Margot lamp, Paul Costelloe Living, €150, at Dunnes Stores. 3. Sheets smoothed and pillows plumped by the Bottom Drawer team, at Brown Thomas. 4. Bamboo shelf, £70/www.rocketststgeorge.co.uk. 5. Cotton waffle dressing gown, €28, at Marks & Spencer. 6. Chloe, Old Rose and Emma cushions, from €103, at Neptune. 7. Side table, €39.98, at Sestrene Grene. 8. Detail from wardrobe door by Hedgeroe Home. 9. Palais d'Été candle, Manuel Canovas, €55, at Kevin Kelly Interiors, Dublin 4. 10. Delaktig chair, €495, at Ikea.



1. Rose Wood soap, Helen James Considered, €6, at Dunnes Stores. 2. Nazari Asilah tiles, €114.60 per sq m, Porcelanosa at TileStyle. 3. Bette oval bath at Bath House, Monkstown, Co Dublin. 4. Bathroom by CP Hart; www.cphart.co.uk.



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WHERE DOES THE GLOSS TEAM FIND FURNITURE, ART AND ACCESSORIES FOR INTERIORS SHOOTS? WE SHARE OUR FAVOURITE CONTACTS



1. Richard Gorman print, at Stoney Road Press. 2. The Gazelle Pur NL bike, €699, at Astrid van Gelder-Fitzpatrick's Dutch Bike Shop, Goatstown, Dublin 14; [www.dutchbikeshop.ie](http://www.dutchbikeshop.ie). 3. Le Creuset at Kildare Village. 4. Richard Gorman prints at Stoney Road Press. 5. Bob Toal's Triggerfish Cookshop. 6. Saffron wool sofa throw by Stable Living.



→ For original Irish art chosen with an impeccable eye, make a beeline for **STONEY ROAD PRESS**, the Dublin 3 studio led by David and Eileen O'Donoghue, who make special limited edition prints of the work of Irish artists including Richard Gorman, Dorothy Cross, Blaise Drummond, Donald Teskey and Garrett Phelan, as well as one-off pieces, like Brian Duggan's neon art. David and Eileen also provide consultancy services for property projects and private clients and will also advise on framing and hanging. This is a prime example of when to call the experts. [www.stoneyroadpress.com](http://www.stoneyroadpress.com) → Paula and Colin Campbell's **ROCK HILL INTERIORS + DESIGN** in Blackrock, Co Dublin, displays glamorous furniture, accessories and bedlinen in styled room sets so you can be inspired → Helen Kilmartin's **MINIMA** on Hanover Quay is Ireland's foremost supplier of designer furniture collections - B&B Italia, Artemide, Cappellini, Cassina, Flos, MaxAlto, Louis Poulson and MDF Italia among them - many of them exclusive to Minima, for residential and contract projects. Kilmartin never fails to produce something interesting, original and inspiring for our shoots, from a just-right bedroom chair to a sleek sideboard or cool sectional sofa. [www.minimahome.com](http://www.minimahome.com) → Frank and Maxi Goodwin's **INREDA** at the RHA Gallagher Gallery on Ely Place has a Nordic aesthetic - but this small store, with its ever-changing display of small pieces of furniture, tabletop design classics and great gifts is only half the story. Frank, who was brought up in Sweden, also deals in top quality Scandinavian design classics and other European designers, while Maxi Goodwin leads Inreda's interior design arm for private and corporate clients. [www.inredadesignshop.ie](http://www.inredadesignshop.ie) → **ARTICLE** in the Powerscourt Centre in Dublin 2 has a quirky mix of interiors accessories, textiles, prints and tabletop pieces from all over the world, as well as contemporary Irish design. We borrow tableware, vases, decorative trays and table linen. [www.article.ie](http://www.article.ie) → **STABLE OF IRELAND**'s (Westbury Mall, Dublin 2) Stable Living collection includes herringbone tweed leather-trimmed throws, cosy sofa blankets in powder pink and saffron, tweed and velvet cushions and gorgeous Irish linen table napkins. [www.stableofireland.com](http://www.stableofireland.com) → Bob Toal's **TRIGGERFISH COOKSHOP** in Blackrock stocks a splendid selection of serving bowls and platters, glassware, olive wood accessories, as well as serious knives and other pieces of chef kit → We go to **EDEN HOME AND GARDEN** on Temple Road in Blackrock for generous sofas, coffee tables, mirrors and table lamps. The style? A mix of design classics, painted Belgian pieces, modern and antique → At **HEDGEROE HOME** in Carrickmines, we find a huge range of side tables, consoles and accessories; [www.hedgeroe.ie](http://www.hedgeroe.ie) → At **VENTURA** in Deansgrange, we look for elegant, classic furniture and fabulous Ginori tableware → In Beacon South Quarter in Sandyford, Dorothy and John Power's **ROCHE BOBOIS** has incredible, sophisticated French furniture → The White Company, Home&Cook, Villeroy & Boch, Le Creuset and Zwilling draw us to **KILDARE VILLAGE**. ■



1. Furniture by Minima at the Capital Dock Residence in Dublin. 2. Audubon round tray by Emma J Shipley, €35, at Article. 3. Roche Bobois, Beacon South Quarter, Dublin 18.



4. Porcelain patterned lamp, €389, at Hedgeroe Home. 5. Stable of Ireland, Westbury Mall, Dublin 2. 6. Inreda Design Shop, Ely Place, Dublin 2.



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