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July is the month for glam lounging, faux blooms, reinvented patchwork and our new trend forecast



Blue moons

Flux's striking blue-and-white ceramics were one of our favourite discoveries at Maison et Objet. Created by design staff and students at Staffordshire University, Flux aims to 'breathe new life' into the area's ceramics heritage. We love Amy Clarke's Daisy design, left front. £24-£42 (edclondon.com, fluxstokeontrent.com)



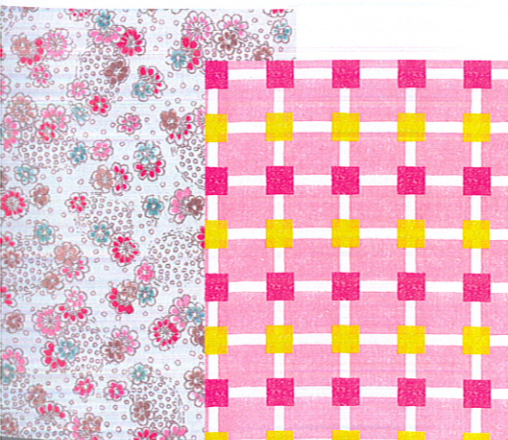
NO FINER POINT

There's something elegantly seductive about Norwegian designer Simen Aarseth's Puck side table. Made from oak or walnut, with a timber or lacquered top, Puck's slender legs have the graceful, *en pointe* poise of a ballerina. £195-£225 (benchmarkfurniture.com)



Back story

With its high, buttoned back and turned timber legs, the leather Battersea Sofette could have been in the family for years, but its light tan and shapely silhouette is distinctly modern. Either way, it's destined for beloved heirloom status. £2,998 (anthropologie.co.uk)



Swatch watch

Ditsy Liberty-style florals are all abloom right now. Avoid going too Miss Marple by teaming small print flowers, like Casa Deco's Strada (far left, cotton mix, £36.50 per m, casadeco.com), with a bold, simple graphic that complements the pastel palette, such as Diagonal Blossom (left), from Designers Guild's Barcelona collection (100 per cent cotton, £32 per m, designersguild.com).