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What's in the air this month, edited by Nathalie Wilson

1 There's more to A Studio for Design's 'Postcardens' (£7.50 each) than the illustrations by young designers that adorn their fronts. They pop up into a mini cardboard orangery, allotment or city garden, and come complete with all you need to cultivate cress. Ring 020 7793 0761, or visit postcarden.com.

2 Textile artist Ptolemy Mann has joined forces with rug maestro Christopher Farr. The resulting traditional hand-woven wool and mohair flat-weave floor coverings, which include this eye-popping 80 x 300cm runner (£1,880), reflect her fascination with the 'transition from one colour to another; the movement and "travelling" in between complementary opposites in particular'. Ring 020 7349 0888, or visit christopherfarr.com.

3 Make your bed with Jigsaw's cotton bedding, and you won't mind having to lie in it. The collection consists of eight designs, including 'Wobble Spot', shown in powder blue, and 'Newquay Stripe', shown in smoke. Prices start at £10 for a pillowcase. Ring 020 7845 7800, or visit jigsaw-online.com.

4 It's difficult to say much about Jean-Paul Gourdon: the artist is self-effacing and reclusive. What is known is that he makes beautiful ceramic vegetables, such as this enamelled-terracotta 'Cauliflower' (£1,874 approx), and that chef Alain Ducasse is such a fan he uses them as table centrepieces at his restaurant in The Dorchester. To follow suit, commission the artist via Galerie Demesure. Ring 00 33 4 90 20 84 60, or visit antikfrance.com.

5 Everyone in Britain over a certain age has sat on an original of these 'Canteen Utility' chairs by Very Good & Proper, the design arm of the Canteen restaurants; they were a familiar sight in schools and village halls. A trip down memory lane costs £217 per reproduction. Ring Twenty-two on 020 7837 1900, or visit twentytwentyone.com.

