

What's new by David Nicholls

Special reserves

Next week Christie's South Kensington stages Notting Hill: No Ordinary Life, an auction featuring more than 500 lots ranging from the cheap and cheerful (a partial set of steel cutlery with an oak carrying-case estimated at £40-£60) to the truly magnificent, such as an 18th-century set of 15 gilt-embossed leather wall panels, estimated at £8,000-£12,000. As with all the lots estimated at less than £5,000, these cast-iron Klismos-style chairs (£600-£900 for a set of four) are being sold without a reserve. The sale takes place on Tuesday. For information: 020-7930 6074; christies.com.



Up the wall

The wallpaper craze shows no sign of waning. Ella Doran, who is best known for producing tableware that features bold, mostly floral photographic images, has added wallpaper to her Stacks and Stripes range of accessories. Previously available only on cushions, purses and bookmarks, the manipulated images of stacked books and record sleeves can now be pasted to your wall with dramatic effect. A 10.2m roll (53cm wide) costs £110. Ella Doran: 020-7613 0762; eliadoran.co.uk.



Mixed double

Anemone, by Anthony Critchlow for the Emily Todhunter Collection, is a table lamp of two halves: while the silk shade (11cm high) is simple and sophisticated, the nickel and glass base (28cm), housing a second light source, is pure disco. Hand-assembled and welded, it costs £1,190, from Best & Lloyd 0121-455 6400.



Flaming groovies

The trend for retro home furnishings has moved out of the kitchen and into the garden. Most impressive is the 1950s-style Memphis two-burner gas barbecue (right, 117cm tall, £149.98) from B&Q 0845-850 0175; diy.com. Equally groovy, but easier on the pocket, are the diminutive portable barbecue (centre, £12.99) from Woolworths (01706-862789; woolworths.co.uk) and the Flame barbecue (left, 65cm tall, £29) from Habitat (0870-411 5501; habitat.net).

Wicker woman

This season Cath Kidston's ever-growing world of flowery homeware, furniture and accessories includes a new range of wicker chairs (E125), whose frames are trimmed with pretty ribbon detailing. The chair pads are available in three Kidston prints; Ottoman Blue, Spot Red and Pop Flowers. Cath Kidston: 0870-850 1084; cathkidston.co.uk.

