

Leaf it out

Alessi has come up with the ultimate tea strainer – Alan Chan’s stainless-steel creation, Tea Matter. The exquisite cage tweets as you lift it to retrieve the bird-shaped strainer inside, and is inspired by Chinese history, when guests would take their caged birds to tea with them. £62 (alessi.com)



Unit of energy

Habitat’s Bocksey unit is evocative of mid-century modern storage systems – but comes at a fraction of the price of a vintage Perriand. Arrange the modular units (in red lacquer, lacquered oak and walnut veneer) into a configuration of your choosing, and then swap ‘em at will. £879 (habitat.co.uk)

I CAN SEE A RAINBOW

Hot on the heels of the colour-blocking Pantone phenomenon, these full-spectrum shutters will enliven a child’s room or add impact in a grown-up, ice-white space – instant cheer, even if it’s raining outside. £300 per sq m (shutterlyfabulous.com)



Pick of the month

DEPUTY CHIEF SUB-EDITOR MORAG BRUCE LOVES... the Optical Illusion needlepoint kit by New York-born artist Audrey Ward. ‘Abstract pattern rules my home,’ says Mo, ‘but I would never expect to find anything so Riley-esque in a needlepoint kit – it’s a great update of a traditional craft.’ There is a variety of designs, many inspired by 20th century art. £80-£200 (kokomo.uk.com)