

Alexander Breeze is drawn to the metallic shimmer of
embellished cushions



1 'Mosaic', cotton, 25cm square, £60, from Abraham & Thakore. 2 'Rabbit Spot', silk, 45cm square, £60, by Thornback & Peel. 3 'Ponti Metallic', wool and metallic thread, by Suzanne Sharp, 44cm square, £195, at The Rug Company. 4 'Elektra', silk dupion with metal beading, 45 x 55cm, £950, at Beaumont & Fletcher. 5 'Fir Tree' (charcoal/silver), linen and velvet, 30 x 50cm, £75, at Michele Oberdieck. 6 'Nector', linen, by Casa Couture, 30 x 40cm, £25, at House of Fraser. 7 'Ormolu' (silver fox), linen and polyamide, 30 x 40cm, £96, at de Le Cuona. 8 'Metalwork', cotton and metal, 45cm square, £78, at Nicole Farhi Home. 9 'Envelope', linen with metallic thread, 30cm square, £150, at de Le Cuona. 10 'Larch' (peacock/ocean/pewter), silk, 50cm square, £69, from Clarissa Hulse. 11 'Henry', flax, cotton and metallised fibre, 30 x 40cm, £35, at Laura Ashley. 12 'Argent', linen, by Maison de Vacances, 30 x 50cm, £95, at Birgit Israel. For suppliers/stockists, see back page □





Blue NOTES

Gabby Deeming conceives a glamorous Christmas decoration scheme, with furnishings and accessories in wintry tones of violet, sage and silver

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WALLS Paint, '29A06', £25.50 for 2.5 litres matt emulsion, at The Little Greene Paint Company. **Blind** (in background), 'Foxy' (opal), cotton, by Baker Lifestyle, £29 a metre, at G P & J Baker. **Door blinds**, 'Snow Rose' (ivory), linen, £169 a metre, at Guy Goodfellow Collection. **FLOOR** Wool flooring, 'Sumptuous' (cool white), £99 a square metre, at Crucial Trading. Handwoven silk and cotton flat-weave **dhurrie**, 'Fez' (celadon), £450 a square metre, at Vanderhurd. **FURNITURE** Upholstered velvet **sofa** (deep purple), 69 x 213 x 79cm, £6,345, at Talisman. Oak and metal **coffee table**, 'Saint Germain', by Paolo Moschino, 40 x 130 x 70cm, £1,890, at Nicholas Haslam. 'Chalet Club' **chair** with oak frame and antique-brass nails, 83 x 76 x 82cm, £4,032 as shown - upholstered in 'Paparazzi' (JHT/08), by John Hutton Textiles - at Collection Pierre. Black marble **table** (in background), 'Saarinen', 70 x 120cm diameter, £2,703, at The Conran Shop. Steel and wood **chairs** with seagrass seats, 'Manilla', by Val Padilla, 86 x 47 x 40cm, £230 each, at The Conran Shop. **ACCESSORIES** Blue spruce **Christmas trees** - small (120cm), £14.99; medium (180cm), £19.99; large (245cm), £29.99; all at Leigh Sinton Farm & Nurseries. **LED fairy lights**, 'BLF/30/SUN/YW' (clear cable), £14.95 for a three-metre string of 30 lights, from Lights4fun. **Basket**, 'Monaco', £34.70 for three, at Broste, decorated with 'Purple Shiny' **bauble**, £1.75, and 'Glass Mistletoe' **bauble**, £3.95; both at Selfridges. **Present wrapping**, from £5.95, at Harrods Wrapping Service. Linen-mix **cushions**, 'Bark' (heather), 45cm square, £116 each, at de Le Cuona. **Glass bottles**, between 5cm and 25cm high, from £10.50 each, at Bottle Green Homes. **Candles** (dusty lilac), £1.90 each, at Broste. White paper **snowflakes**: small, 38cm diameter, £2.50, and large, 72cm diameter, £4.50; at RE. Handmade glass **door handles** with silver leaf, 'Kyoto', £99 each, at Aaronson Noon. Bone-china and aluminium **floor light**, 'Pembroke' (white), 164 x 33cm diameter (including shade), £897, at Original BTC. Rabbit-fur **throw**, £899, at Nicole Farhi Home. *For suppliers/stockists, turn to back page*



WALLS Wallcovering, 'Mistral' (grape), linen, £64 a metre, at de Le Cuona. **Canopy**, 'Two-tone' (10370/683), linen, £75 a metre, at Zimmer + Rohde. **FURNITURE** Weathered-oak bed, 'Coco', with linen/cotton upholstery, frame, 117 x 203 x 135cm, £695, at The Sleep Room. **ACCESSORIES** Garlands made from coloured card, £1.50 an A2 sheet, at Paperchase; shapes punched with 'Super Duper' lever craft punch (circle), and 'Huge' lever craft punch (square); both by Woodware, £10.35 each, from Glitter Monster Crafts. Cotton **bedlinen**, 'Scala' (light lavender), by Edmond Frette: duvet cover, 220 x 240cm, and two pillowcases, £469 for the set, at Harrods. Cotton seersucker double **duvet cover**, £50, and **pillowcases**, £10 each; and mohair **throw** (pistachio), 180 x 125cm, £55. All at Cologne & Cotton. Wooden **tray**, 'Shooting Stars', £43.20 for a set of three, from Broste. **Glasstea-light holder** with paper decoration '42934500', £3.90, from Broste. **Present sacks** in 'Pompadour II' (blanchi), viscose mix, by Manuel Canovas, £49 a metre, at Colefax and Fowler; trimmed with, from front, 'Entre Deux' (bleu violet sur blanc) and 'Bourdon' (bleu violet sur blanc), both polyester/cotton, by Dominique Kieffer, 13cm wide, £120 a 10-metre roll, at Rubelli. **Heart decoration** with silver bells, £6, at The White Company. **Present wrapping**, from £5.95, at Harrods Wrapping Service. **Chocolate dragée flowers**, £3.95 for 30g, at Carluccio's. For suppliers/stockists, turn to back page □

wine & food

HIGH DAYS & HOLIDAYS

Caroline Barty adapts six traditional European recipes for a sophisticated seasonal feast

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Verrines filled with duck confit, ceps and crushed peas



Spiced rib of beef with a purée of Brussels sprouts



Galette des rois



Chestnut, rum and chocolate vacherin

Tableware information

Oyster velouté Fabric used as tablecloth, 'Jackdaw' (anthracite), linen, £95 a metre, at de Le Cuona. Napkins, £4.75 each, and spoons, 'Paris', £10.95 each; all at David Mellor. Bowls, 21cm, £27.50 each, at Toast. Silvered-glass place-card holders, £2.50 each, from Berry Red. Antique glasses, from £20 each, at The Dining Room Shop. Candelabrum, £27.50, at India Jane. Candles, 'Rustic' (ice blue), £5 for 7, from Shearer Candles. Ceramic tureen, 'Beast's Feast', £128 (including lid, not shown), at Anthropologie.