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Things we've seen and loved ...

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Our front cover this issue features the (seriously!) good looks of private retreat La Banane, a luxury cosmopolitan escape on glamorous St. Barts. We just love the cool, retro vibe going on here! Showing us how to mix vintage with modern, in a very sexy fashion, La Banane is pure smoking hot, Caribbean cool. It's very much about a love of design - Le Corbusier's legacy is dotted everywhere, and each of the nine distinctive bungalows references icons from modernist architects and designers Pierre Jeanneret, Charlotte Perriand, and Jean Prouvé, to timeless contemporaries of the Fifties such as Mathieu Mategot and Serge Mouille. La Banane was founded by Parisian music-hall personality Jean-Marie Rivière, who famously entertained celebrities of the day here with sexy revues when he was in residence on the island. La Banane is star style, and it's our pick for spring decor inspiration! labanane.com



One of our favourite textile companies, Materialistic, has some great new designs to jazz up all things soft and gorgeous in the home. Tea towels always feature prominently here, and the classic 'Noice' design is very nice indeed. Hang it on a hook or the oven and give it a knowing smile at least a few times a day. Some people may even like to use it to dry the dishes! Find your nearest stockist at materialistic.com.au



Hamimi is the brainchild of brother and sister act Alex and Rebecca, he being based in downtown Brisbane and she on the ground in Marrakesh. Shunning mass production to focus on hand crafted objects made using traditional methods with a contemporary twist, the Hamimi collection showcases hand picked pieces by Moroccan artisans who bring the duo's vision to life. The fabulous Butterfly Chair features vintage kilim or funky Moroccan plush fabric, backed with sturdy canvas on a solid iron tube frame. Available from Eco Chic in Brisbane, from \$440. ecochic.com.au