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NEW YEAR HONOURS

We reveal our annual edit of buys that deserve a place in your house

Create & convert

Chic barn conversion
Georgian-inspired manor
Timber-framed new build

DESIGN RESOLUTIONS

Annabel Astor, Tricia Guild & Paolo Moschino on how to make braver decorating decisions

Sanctuary at home

• Inviting bedroom ideas • Touchable textures • Winter soul food





Blenheim bouquet soap, £24, Penhaligon's



Soft pink Nervures bathrobe, £219, La Perla at Amara



Garland carafe magnum, £74, William Yeoward Crystal



Theodora hot-water-bottle cotton cover, £25, Liberty



Flores three-panel screen in grey, £850, John Lewis

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE Convert an office into a bedroom with a fold-out bed. Envelope bed, £1,450, Oka
 Create a festive atmosphere with scented candles. Sloe gin candle, £28, The White Company
 A selection of luxurious bathroom products is always greatly appreciated. Ormonde toiletries from £35; Ormonde large candle with lid, £54, all rachelbatesinteriors.com

RELAXING AND DINING

Other reception rooms need not have dramatic changes but, as detailed in the December issue of *The English Home*, small alterations to the sitting room layout, and the addition of a drinks trolley along with extra seating or ottomans, will make it easier to seat and serve guests.

It is also worth creating a desirable mood with candles and seasonal music, especially as this will create a pleasant surrounding for guests to relax in when you are detained in the kitchen or elsewhere.

In the dining room, setting the dining table with the Christmas dinner set saves time, as it will be in constant use over the celebrations. Arrange place settings in advance, especially as this may take some consideration as to where best to seat each guest. It is well worth personalising settings – even if this simply means selecting a plate with a fitting design for each person's taste – as this is a heartwarming way to make guests feel truly part of the immediate family. ■